

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*Easter Sunrise In Azalea Park*

April 1, 2018

6:45 AM

**The Scripture Lesson**

Acts 10:34-43

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Easter Homily** “ So... You Say You Believe?”

Rev. Scott Adams

\* **Welcome**

\* **Call to Worship**

Minister: Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is Risen indeed!**

Minister: The tomb is now empty, and the Risen Christ is here again, calling us to something new.

**People: The air is alive with new beginnings, because Christ is alive!**

Minister: We come to celebrate His Easter victory over sin and death!

**People: O God, fill us with Your Resurrection Power and Spirit!**

**All: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Amen.**

\* **Opening Hymn**

*In the Garden*

C. Austin Miles

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God dis-closes.

**Refrain:**

And He walks with me, and he talks with me,  
and He tells me I am His own;  
and the joy we share as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me with-in my heart is ringing. **Refrain**

I'd stay in the garden with him 'tho the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. **Refrain**

**Morning Prayer** (pray in unison)

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anthem**

*Let's All Go Down To The River*  
The Long Term Survivors

Montgomery & Richards

\* **Closing Hymn**

*He Lives*

Ackley

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need Him, He's always near.

**Refrain:**

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives with-in my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of His appearing will come at last. **Refrain**

Rejoice, rejoice O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind. **Refrain**

\* **Dismissal with the Blessing of the People**

*Alleluia!*  
HE IS ALIVE!

## **WELCOME**

It is Easter morning; the single most important day in the life of Christian people. We are delighted that you have chosen to begin this day with us and we welcome you in the name of the Risen Christ.

We invite you to return to Bethany UMC and worship with us on Sundays! We offer traditional worship services at 8 a.m. in Spell Chapel and at 8:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A contemporary worship service is offered at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is Sunday School for all ages at 10 a.m. and a nursery is provided.

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