

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 1, 2018

The Celebration of the Resurrection

Prelude *Easter Anthem* William Billings
Chamber Singers
The Strife Is O'er arr. David N. Johnson
Brass Quartet, Timpani and Organ
Fanfare and Canticle for Easter Day arr. Benjamin Harlan
Chancel Choir, Brass Quartet, Handbells, Timpani and Organ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

* Easter Greeting

Minister: Christ is Risen!

People: *Christ is Risen indeed!*

Minister: Christ The Lord is Risen!

People: *He is Risen indeed!*

* **Hymn in Procession, No. 302** *Easter Hymn*
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Congregation, Chancel Choir, Brass Quartet, Handbells, Timpani and Organ

* Collect for the Day (pray in unison)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 NT Pg. 176
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. Matthew Compton
Imogene Williams Handbell Ensemble

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* **Doxology No. 94** *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*
Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow
Congregation, Brass Quartet, Timpani and Organ

Hymn of Assurance, No. 261 *19th C. Shaker tune, Lord of the Dance*
Lord of the Dance
Congregation and Bethany Liturgical Dancers

(8:45AM-At the conclusion of this hymn, children may leave for Children's Church K5 ~2nd grade. Please meet the volunteer at the lectern side doors. Children's Church is held **in room 214 of the Youth Wing**. Please attach a Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

* **The Gospel Lesson** John 20:1-18 NT Pg. 114
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem *A Resurrection Declaration* arr. Victor C. Johnson
Chancel Choir, Brass Quartet, Handbells, Timpani and Organ

Sermon "I Saw the Risen Lord" Rev. Mitch Houston

* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 312** *Llanfair*
Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
Congregation, Chancel Choir, Brass Quartet, Timpani and Organ

* Blessing of the People

* **Benediction Response** *Hallelujah from Messiah* George F. Handel
Chancel Choir, Trumpets, Timpani, Organ and Congregation

* **Postlude** *Toccata Allegro from Symphony V* Charles M. Widor

* Those who are able, please stand

Instrumentalists:
Trumpet I - Frank Arnold
Trumpet II - Tom Davol
Trombone I - Giff Waltz
Trombone II - Judge Kelly
Timpani - Nicholas Holland, III

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our children, Tom Ivey and Carol Ivey Deininger and in honor of Judy Eisele and Richard Ivey by Ruth Ann and Lloyd Ivey.

WELCOME GUESTS

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

Alleluia!
HE IS ALIVE!

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