

Order of Worship for Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist
John Klimczak, Trumpeter

Prelude *"Panis Angelicus"* César Franck

Welcome The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Call to Worship

The tomb is empty; the grave clothes are cast aside.

Now is the time for tambourines and dancing, for victory songs and shouts of joy!

Believe the good news: our Redeemer lives!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 318 "Christ Is Alive"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to fear and doubt, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook those in need and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. We misuse the earth you made. Forgive us. Help us to trust your power to change our lives

and make us new, so that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Jeremiah 31:1-6 Harry Parker

New Testament Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon "The Great Affirmation" Dr. Anderson

Offertory "Alleluia" Jerry Sinclair

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, through Jesus' resurrection, you have healed us. You call us to share your word of life with others so our joy may be complete. Light the way for us to live in friendship with Christ, with one another, and with our neighbors. May our gifts reflect the grace we have received from you. Amen.

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn 302 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Benediction

Postlude "My Lord, What a Morning" African-American Spiritual

Church Calendar

Tuesday, April 11 at 9:30 am Meeting of the Board of Trustees online

Sunday, April 16 at 10:00 am Worship Service at Union Chapel and via Livestream

Monday, April 17 deadline to make a reservation for Senior Lunch by sending an email to hfburnham@gmail.com

Thursday, April 20 at noon Senior Lunch gathering in the Union Chapel Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 am Worship Service at Union Chapel and via Livestream with Dr. Clifford Anderson Preaching

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