

Order of Worship for Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

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

Prelude "My Tribute" Andraé Crouch

Welcome

Call to Worship

Why are you weeping? The tomb is empty; the grave clothes have been cast aside.

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

Embrace the good news: our Redeemer lives!

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

Christ is risen! **Christ 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 sin and death. Renew our trust in you each day, that we may live evermore 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 302 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Prayer of Confession

Like the women who came to the tomb early on the first day of the week and found the stone rolled away, we have good news to tell! For you, Lord, have cast off your grave clothes and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that sometimes we fail to share the message of your love and victory with others. Risen Lord, forgive us for our halfhearted witness. Free us from the bindings of fear or indifference. Fill us with the light of your resurrection and send us into the world to proclaim by our words and actions: Christ is risen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament Mark 16:1-8

Sermon "The Imperishable Proclamation" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Offertory "Help Us to Accept Each Other" John Ness Beck

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

God of glory, we rejoice in Jesus' victory over death! You raised him up to live forever. He left behind his shroud in the tomb. Robed in white, Christ leads us from darkness to light. Help us to follow him, leaving behind the things of our past that obscure our horizon. We dedicate our gifts as tokens of the breaking dawn of Christ. May our gratitude shine forth by joyfully giving. Amen.

Prayers of the Church 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 318 "Christ Is Alive"

Benediction

Postlude *Toccata* (Symphony No. 5) Charles-Marie Widor

Church Calendar

Wednesday, April 3 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online
Book Group on Julian of Norwich

Wednesday, April 3 5:15 p.m. Parlor and online
New Initiatives Meeting

Thursday, April 4 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Parlor
Moms' Group: coffee and conversation with kids or without

Sunday, April 7 10:00 a.m. Union Chapel and online
Worship Service

Tuesday, April 9 9:30 a.m. Union Chapel and online
Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, April 10 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online
Book Group on Julian of Norwich

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