

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2023 | 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude: "Praise Him! Praise Him!" arr. Mark Hayes
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" arr. Jan Sanborn

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24

Prayer of the Day:

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

* Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" PH 388:1-4

* God's Greeting: based on Revelation 1:4-5

* Hymn: "Oh, How Good is Christ the Lord" PH 401

CONFESSION & PRAYER

Reading of the Easter Story Matthew 28:1-10

Prayer of Confession

Choir: "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" arr. Kirkland

Assurance of Pardon: based on I Corinthians 15:54-57, John 11:25-26

God's Will for Our Lives: Lord's Day 17 (PH p. 878), Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" PH 637

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Beyond the Cross—Endless Praise!* Psalm 134 (p. 616)

* Hymn: "Low in the Grave He Lay" PH 396

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer for the General Fund & NAC Food Pantry

* Confession of Faith: based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Colossians 1:15-20

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

* Benediction: based on Hebrews 13:20-21; Psalm 134:3

* Doxology: "I Serve a Risen Savior" PH 405:1,3

Postlude

**Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken

Liturgists: Brandon Hehn, Cara Zabilansky, Kelly Penning

Organist: Brandie Vande Werken | Pianist: Terry Ebbeling

Brass: Duane Vanden Akker, Justin Vos, Michael Vos, Nathanael Vos

Choir Director: Laurie Vander Baan

Prayer of the Day adapted from Worship Sourcebook N.1.4.1

God's Greeting adapted from Worship Sourcebook N.1.2.10

Prayer of Confession adapted from (PCUSA) Book of Common Worship

Assurance of Pardon adapted from Celebration Hymnal #364

Confession of Faith adapted from Worship Sourcebook N.3.6.4