

Order of Service for Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Prelude "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" arr. Dale Wood

Call to Worship

The tomb is dark, but empty.

The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness!

The stone has been rolled away.

The one you are looking for has overcome death!

The burial clothes are put aside.

The one you are looking for is alive!

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

Handbell Processional "Easter Fanfare" Steve Danyew

Hymn No. 182 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Opening Prayer

Resurrecting God, guide us in telling and sharing the story of your endless love through our words and deeds. Remind us of your presence. Fill our hearts with your ways of love that bring about peace and justice for all. With your loving embrace, protect us in the face of terror and hateful actions. Bring us your hope found in the excitement of eternal life and saving love exemplified in Jesus, the Risen Christ! Amen.

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-32 (pew bible pg. 1642-43)

A Word for All Ages

The Prayer of Our Savior

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

Offering

Handbell Offertory "Thine Be the Glory" arr. Jason W. Krug

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we thank you for this Easter Day – with its promise of new life and new opportunities. We offer you ourselves and our gifts, to love and to serve you as we engage in doing the healing works of the Risen Christ. May these gifts reveal your presence to all creatures and creation. Amen.

Gospel Lesson Mark 16:1-8 (pew bible pg 1584-5)

Anthem "Easter Gloria" Mark Hayes

Sermon

Invitation to Communion

On the first Easter, the angel told the women that Jesus would go ahead of them to Galilee.

They were to go tell the disciples that they would see Jesus there.

Yes, but what about us? Where do we see Jesus?

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

But Lord, sometimes we need to see to believe. Where can we see you?

"You will see me in the least of these."

Lord, how will the world know? How will they see you?

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Thank you, Lord, for bringing us into your body, the church. What a wonderful task you have entrusted to us, to embody you in the world. But we need your strength to do this – our eyes need to be opened. How will we know you?

"You will know me in the breaking of bread."

Hymn (insert) "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

Morning Prayers

Blessing and Receiving of the Bread and Juice

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful and gracious God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table where we have tasted your nourishing and nurturing presence revealed in the Risen Christ. We have rested in the depth of your love and accepted you into our bodies and our lives. Now strengthen our faith, increase our love for all people, and send us forth into the world to be your presence of hope, love, grace, and forgiveness. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Song "Halle, Halle, Halle" arr. John L. Bell

HAPPY EASTER!

This morning's service is led by the Rev. Bernard C. Hinckley,
Pastor of the Trinitarian Congregational Church, UCC

Participating in today's service:

Organist: Ann Sears

Choir and Bell Choir Director: Kristen Bressler

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Trumpet: Miles Bressler

Easter Flower & Flour Dedications:

From Troy, Tracey, & Hayley Hixon

In memory of Tom Zommer from Sandy Zommer

Happy Easter to all our family and friends at TCC from Kurt & Karen Bischoff

In memory of Grandma Terry & Nonna from Travis & Hannah

In memory of my mother's birthday on Easter Sunday from Pat Hamilton

In memory of Connie & Ken Walton and Hazel & Jim Hoey from Bob & Sharon Walton

In honor of our Dad/Papa, Mal Haskins, and in loving memory of our Mom/Nana, June Haskins,
from Lynne, Mark, & Melanie Haskins, Jim, Zach, & Josh Stewart

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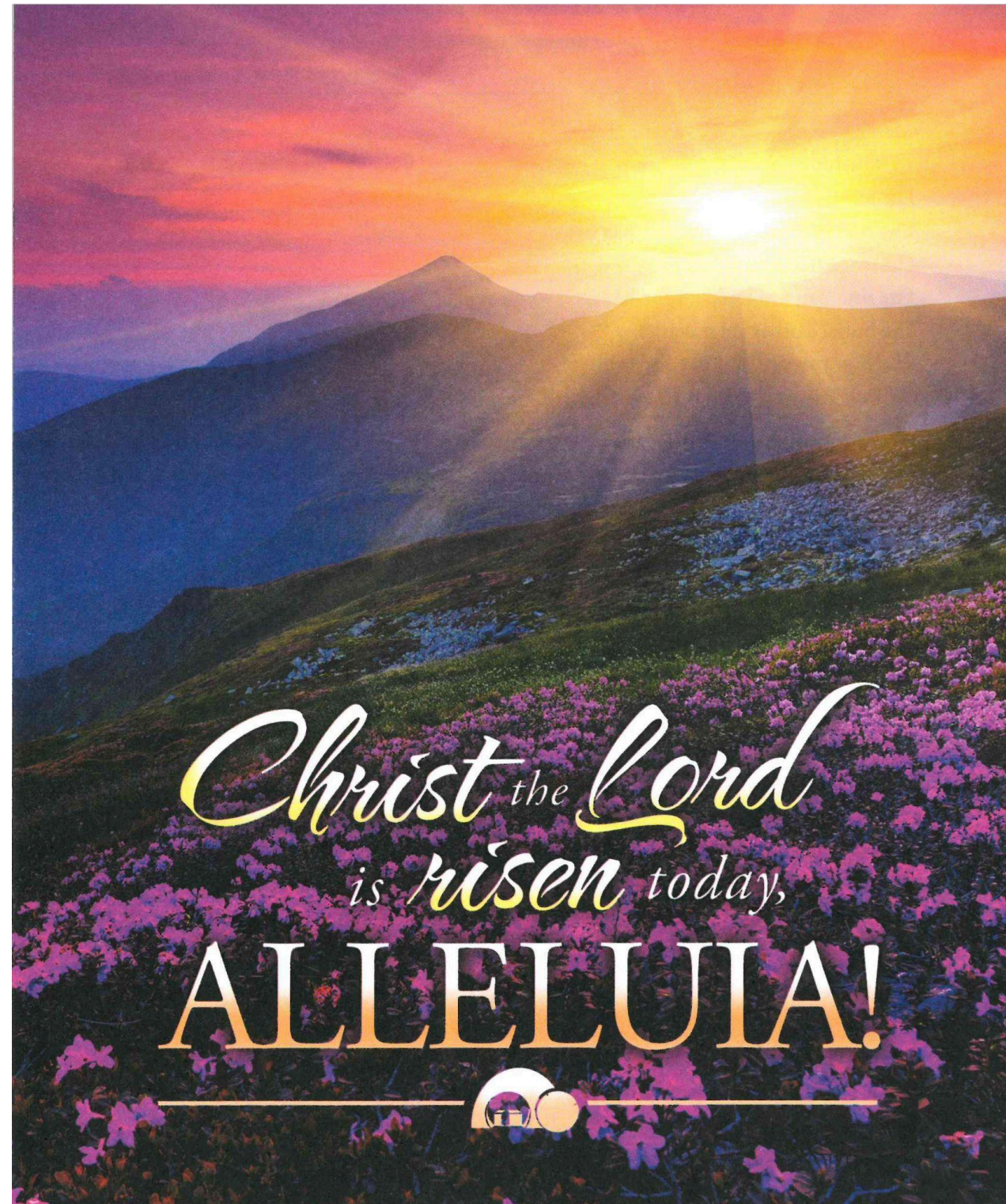
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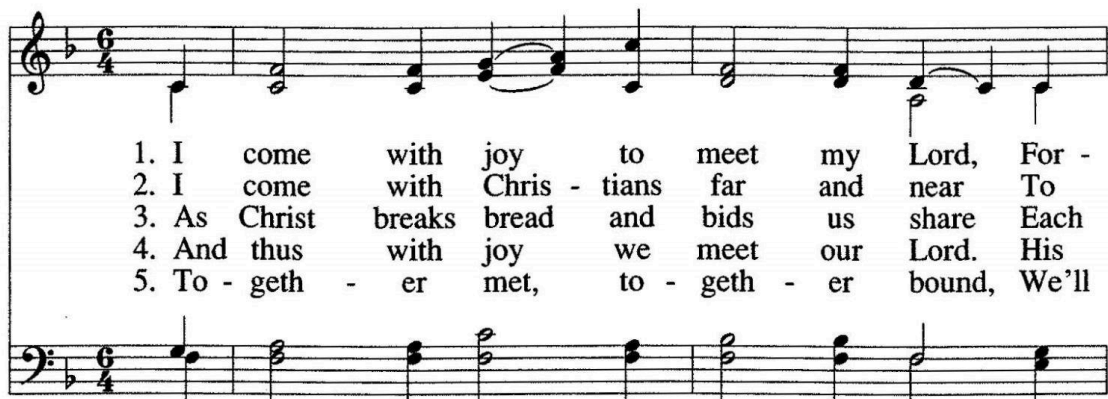
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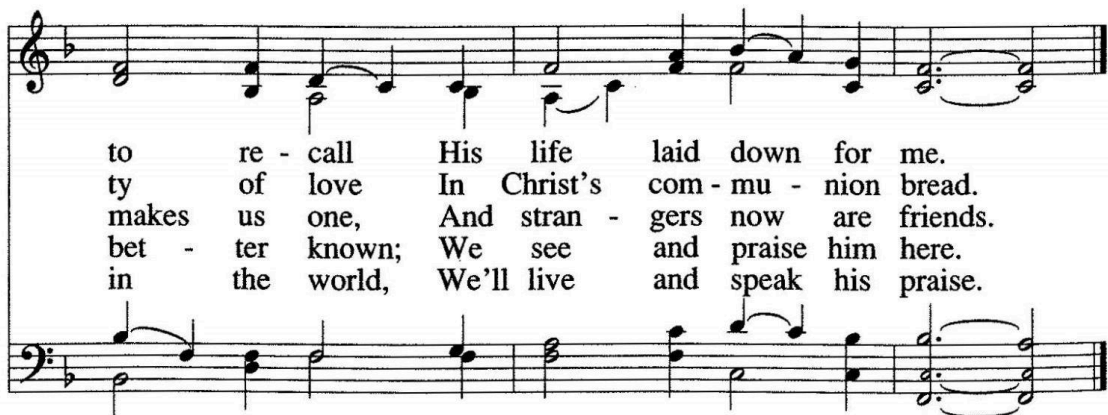
I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord



1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For -
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share Each
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll



giv - en, loved, and free, In awe and won - der
find, as all are fed, The new com - mu - ni -
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us
pres - ence, al - ways near, Is in such friend - ship
go our dif - f'rent ways, And as his peo - ple



to re - call His life laid down for me.
ty of love In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
makes us one, And stran - gers now are friends.
bet - ter known; We see and praise him here.
in the world, We'll live and speak his praise.