

Easter Sunday

Prelude

*Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Out of the darkness of grief and despair - comes a message of hope.  
Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen, indeed.**

Leader: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen, indeed.**

Leader: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

**ALL: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn of Praise Celebration Hymnal # 367  
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (Unison Reading)  
O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 118: 22-29

New Testament Lesson Acts 10: 36-40

\*Gloria Patri  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

*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.*

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

\*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.

\*Offertory Prayer

Sermon Rev. William Kren  
"The Easter Challenge"

Hymn of Preparation Celebration Hymnal # 44  
"Crown Him the King of Kings"

Service of Communion  
Uniting in Covenant  
Sharing of the Bread  
Sharing of the Cup

\*Hymn of Going Forth Celebration Hymnal # 358  
"Because He Lives"

\*Benediction  
\*Benediction Response  
"Each One, Reach One"

Each one can reach one;  
As we follow after Christ we all can lead one;  
We can lead one to the Savior;  
Then together we can tell the world that Jesus is the way--  
If we each one reach one.

\*Postlude

\*We invite you to stand if you are able.