

Prelude "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" arr. Kevin Hildebrand

Introit "This Easter Celebration" text : Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Greeting
Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302 (Vs 1-4)

Gospel Lesson John 20:1-18

Sermon "While it Was Still Dark"
Rev. Stephanie Schlimm

Prayers of the People

For prayer concerns of people by name, please fill out our online registration and ask to join the prayer list in the comments. This will allow us to honor people's privacy while we worship online only.

An Easter Prayer

God of New Life,
This Easter Morning we are approaching the empty tomb from a new vantage point.
We are not shoulder to shoulder in our sanctuaries,
but are sheltered in our homes, separated from one another.
We have found that our songs and prayers can sound empty in isolation.
We need one another to share the joy of this day.

Transforming God, you work for good in all things.
Help us to see the gift in this sheltering time.
Please strengthen and sustain the ones on the front lines,
providing health care and basic needs for our communities.
May our empty sanctuaries symbolize our love and concern for the health of all people.
May our loneliness lead us into your presence .
May our physical separation reveal the gift of community and friendship.
May our isolation show us the joy of sharing all of life with one another.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. Amen.

Offering our Gifts

Closing Hymn "He Lives" UMH 310

Benediction Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.
May our Lives be a Witness to the Love of God.

Postlude "A Joyful Tune" by. Jacob B. Weber

Worship Leaders

Rev. Stephanie Schlimm, Pastor | Chuck Barland, Organist | Amy Streck, Pianist
Heather Williams, Meredith Enabnit, Max Enabnit, Foster Hull, Owen Hull and Merrick Hull, Song Leaders
Ann Duchow, Videographer | Paul Clark, Projectionist and Video Editor