

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2014

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor
Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord"

Bell Choir

VOTUM

CHORAL INTROIT

"I'm Gonna Rise"

Doug Sonderfan, tenor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,
And he was buried, and raised on the third day as scriptures
prophesied.

He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve
Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters.
Last of all, Jesus appeared to me!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #204**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

***SALUTATION**

EASTER PRAYER

(unison)

Gracious God, as the light of day breaks upon us, we praise you for the light that dawned on this resurrection morning that now makes even dark days bright. We praise you for your wondrous love that has given new promise to us in every circumstance.

Glorious Son, we praise you for your victory over the powers of darkness. We thank you that this day you have released us from bondage to sin. Let your light fill us with hope and the joy of being set free to live each day as a new beginning.

Generous Spirit, we praise you for your work among us confirming the resurrection, making us witnesses to the living Christ. This day, the Spirit is once again released in our midst, inspiring us to go forth and boldly proclaim the good news of Easter morning. Equip us now to celebrate and participate in the victory that is ours now and forever through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

PSALM OF PRAISE Responsive Reading 23

(p. 494 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE #208

"The Day of Resurrection!"

The Easter Story in Music

"The Resurrection"

"Jesus Is the Christ" (reprise)

Easter Story in Mark

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

(page 42 NT)

MEDITATION

"The Never Ending Story"

***CLOSING HYMN #209**

"Thine Is the Glory"

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

"I'm Gonna Rise"

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

Many thanks to Dr. Cornwall, Heidi Horesovsky, and members of both choirs for providing us with good music during this Holy Week!

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Ron & Gayle Dellinger

Ushers: Bill, Julie Anne & Marie Thompson, Liz White

Nursery: Melissa Matson

Fellowship: Easter Cake

Next week's stewards (**April 27**):

Greeters: Sherwood Family

Ushers: Ron Dellenger, John Ferris, Walt & Lucy Paradies

Nursery: Andy & Katharine Hoyt

Fellowship: