

8:00 & 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, March 31st

PRELUDE

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- C: Amen.
- P: Alleluia! He is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P: God raised Jesus from the dead and gave Him honor and glory.

C: We place our faith in Him, and we place our hope in His resurrection.

- P: "Death is swallowed up in victory. "O death, where is your victory?"
- C: "O death, where is your sting?"
- P: For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power.
- C: But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- P: The Gospel or "good news" is that the victory that Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. The Holy Spirit ignites true repentance and confession in our hearts daily. For, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Moment of Silent Confession

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:
- C: Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and deeds, those that I have done as well as the good I have failed to do. It is my own sin that condemns me. In Your mercy and according to Your promise, forgive me my sin, create a new heart in me, restore to me the joy of Your salvation. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose from the grave for us, call us back from the death of sin to live for Your glory all our days. Amen.

- P: Your merciful God is the author and giver of life! He hears your prayers and forgives you all your sins. Through Jesus, He takes your death upon Himself at the cross and, by His resurrection, gives you the free gift of life everlasting. As your pastor, it is my privilege to remind you of this forgiving grace of Jesus and, because He has granted His authority to do so, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

ANTHEM

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

arr. Cathy Mokelbust

Organ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9 [ESV]

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8 [ESV]

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossian 1:15-20*

- R: Let us now confess our faith in our risen Lord, from the words of Holy Scripture, the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
- C: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

SERMON "FREEDOM"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Strife is O'er"

Voices of Peace

arr. Robert J. Powell

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

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"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Brass Quintet

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Organ

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

POSTLUDE

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Organ

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