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Easter Sunday

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large print bulletin and hymnal

## 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Worship

Our nursery upstairs welcomes babies and young children

**\*Please stand as you are able**

**MUSIC FOR GATHERING** "Darkest Hour" Joel Raney  
Mark Loring, Piano

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 28:1-10

**PRELUDE** "Christ is Alive! All Christians Sing!" Linker/McFadden  
Liberty Brass Quintet, Rezound Handbell Ensemble, Drew Vanderspool - Timpani

The prelude marks the beginning of worship. We take our seats; we quiet ourselves; the candles symbolize the presence of Christ who comforts, inspires, and guides us.

### GREETING AND PRAYER

*Leader:* Christ is Risen!

*People:* **Christ is Risen indeed!**

*Leader:* On this Easter Sunday we rejoice in God's faithful presence...ALWAYS.

**People: As we live in charity and steadfast love, God dwells with us!**

*Leader:* In the highs and lows of life

**People: God's love always wins!**

*Leader:* The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you!**

*Leader:* Let us pray together:

All: **Come, Resurrected Jesus,  
rattle the rooms in which we are hiding,  
shake the tired foundations  
until unjust institutions crumble;  
break the rules that keep You and any of your people  
out of our sacred spaces.**

**Then lift from the dust and rubble a new creation.**

*Leader:* Come, Resurrected Jesus,  
enter our lives,  
whisper our names  
and scatter Your gifts of grace with wild abandon.

Give Your silent strength to all imprisoned  
and let Your refining fire be our sign of liberty.

All: **Come, Resurrected Jesus!  
Help us find ourselves in vital places,  
bringing Your word and freedom  
to the poor, the oppressed, the outcast.**

**Call us, lead us, urge us,  
to let justice roll down, today and all days! Amen!**

\*HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (stanzas 1,2,3,4)

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### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**A READING** "New Life" (a prayer poem by LaTrelle Miller Easterling)

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** "On the Third Day!" Allen Pote  
Rezound Handbell Ensemble, CFUMC Choir, Liberty Brass Quintet

### SERMON

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please write your joys and concerns in the prayer book as you enter for worship; a Stephen Minister or Worship Leader will read these items before we join in prayer.

### COMMUNITY PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

**We come before you, Creator of All, with open hands.**

**Some of us may know what we are called to be and do on behalf of love in this world. Some of us are still searching.**

**Guide us, O God.**

**Open us to your possibilities.**

**Open all our senses and help us be on the lookout  
for ways to improve someone's life,  
even just for a minute.**

**Help us to know that any act, no matter how small or grand a gesture,  
is one step closer to bringing your will on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Help us to be your unconditional love in the world,  
moving closer to compassion and courage  
to speak up and stand up for what is right and good.**

*silent 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### SERVING AND GIVING WITH GRATITUDE

Announcements

*Please sign the welcome pad & pass along to others in your row*

Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "Classical Easter"

Michael Helman  
Rezound Handbell Ensemble