Worship and Celebration

Please see an usher for large print hymnals or hearing devices.

Easter Day, April 12, 2009

Prelude *An Easter Suite* (by Young) Carolyn Cline

The Strife is O'er; I Know that my Redeemer Liveth; Christ the Lord is Risen Today

***Call to Worship**

One: Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed!
One: God is alive…
All: New birth is given.
One: Hope is alive…
All: A new age is dawning.
One: Love is alive…
All: Death cannot harm us.
One: We are alive…
All: New life arises!

***Opening Hymn** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* #302

Welcome and Community Focus

During Community Focus please sign the fellowship book in the pew. Thank you!

A Prayer of the People

O God, you are the source of all our hope.
In the times when we confront despair that deadens,
You come alive!
In the times we stand for justice, you come alive.
In the times we choose to bear pain to keep our conscience clear,
You come alive!
In the times we choose to follow your way,
You come alive!
May we open our hearts, to let you come alive in us and in this world.

Silent, personal prayer

A Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* #304

Offertory Invitation & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Music *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* arr. Balderston

***Hymn** *Christ Is Risen* #307

***Affirmation of Faith** #883

Special Music 7:45 *The Holy City* Julia Vogel Potwin
9:30 & 11:00 *Easter Praises!* Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading John 20: 1-18

Reflection 7:45 & 11:00 "An Either/Or World" Rev. Rusty Butler
9:30 "In the Rising" Rev. Valerie Oden

***The Sending Forth:**

One: From this Easter celebration we go forth to live resurrection:
All: In the name of God who makes us.
One: In the name of the Christ who makes us free.
All: In the name of the Spirit who makes us one.
One: Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed!

***Benediction:** *The Hallelujah Chorus*

Postlude *Easter Postlude on "Handel"* arr. Correll

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*Please stand as you choose and are able.

Assisting in Worship: Rev. Russell Butler, Rev. Valerie Oden, Co-Pastors
Sound & Lights: Kent Smiley, Clara Klein
7:45: Sydney Vogel, Pianist
9:30 & 11:00 Debbie Willeford, Choir Director; Caroline Cline, organist
Lay Readers: 7:45 Matt Hilbert; 9:30 Nancy Wade; 11:00 Brad Pierson

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