

Welcome and Announcements

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed!

Centering Bell

Music for Preparing Our Hearts

Dr. Kristie Janzyk

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/The Old Rugged Cross”

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*Call to Worship

L: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

P: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

L: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

P: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

L: The good news is dancing!

P: The good news is on the loose!

L: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

P: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

L: Let us worship our good-news Christ.

*Hymn of Praise

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

UMH 302

Music: Lyra Davidica; Words by Charles Wesley, 1739 ~ Public Domain

Verses 1- 4

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!**

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

***We Affirm Our Faith**

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.
It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.
It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of
Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world.**

**And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of reach,
I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence.
I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him.
I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the
world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Glory Be to the Father**

UMH 70

Music: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent. Words: Charles Meineke, 1844 ~ Public Domain

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen!**

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

Philippians 4:4-7

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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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!

Anthem

Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!

Chancel Choir

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

L: Word of God, word of life!

P: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“An Easter Celebration”

Canterbury Bells

Music arr. by Robin Benton; ©2011 the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers; CCS #17219

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Holy One, all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story.

All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting.

All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you.

So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here.

Speak to us today.

Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more.

With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you. Amen.

Song of Preparation

“Alleluia”

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He’s my Savior, he’s my Savior, he’s my Savior, he’s my Savior,

He’s my Savior, he’s my Savior, he’s my Savior, he’s my Savior,

I will praise him, I will praise him, I will praise him, I will praise him,

I will praise him, I will praise him, I will praise him, I will praise him!

Message

“The Good News Is: Alive in the World”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Low in the Grave He Lay”

Dr. Kristie Janzyk

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***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

God of New Beginnings, you roll away more than stones. You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure. On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we have found in Christ. Let these offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently -- eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve.

May what we give today help announce to the world that hope is alive, love has triumphed, and joy cannot be contained. Use us and what we offer to keep telling the story: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

Holy Communion

Song During Communion

Dr. Kristie Janzyk

“I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” & “What A Beautiful Name”

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*Hymn of Response

“He Lives!”

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**I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today
I know that he is living whatever foes may say
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer
And just the time I need him he's always near**

(Chorus)

**He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart;
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart!**

**In all the world around me I see his loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast
The day of his appearing will come at last *(Chorus)***

**Rejoice, rejoice O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind *(Chorus)***

*Blessing

*Music for Going Forth

"This is Amazing Grace"

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

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