



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 12, 2020  
Easter Sunday

PRELUDE: Resound, Ye Joyous Songs  
The Gainsborough Brass Ensemble; John Finney, organ

*J. S. Bach*

### WELCOME AND GREETING FOR EASTER

Christ is Risen!  
Christ is risen indeed!

### CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a great and joyous festival day,  
for God has raised Jesus from death to life!  
Come to celebrate amazing news.  
Open your hearts and minds to the risen Christ.  
The tomb is empty, and new life begins!

HYMN: Alleluia! The Strife is O'er, the Battle Won  
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #200

*Victory*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,  
We confess that we have not centered our lives in loving practice for others,  
or even for ourselves.  
We set aside your gifts that would help us to be strong of heart, loving, and generous.  
Rather than receive the good news of new life, we sometimes prefer  
the familiar tombs of our own making.  
Help us to trust our lives to you, and receive the new life that you give.  
Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### SUMMARY OF THE LAW

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today  
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #205

*Easter Hymn*

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:1-12

SERMON: The Power of God

Matt Wooster

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

ANTHEM: Alleluia! Heart and Voice to Heaven Raise *Joel Martinson*  
Chancel Choir

*Alleluia, alleluia! Heart and voice to heaven raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross a ransom, for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.*

*Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,  
Glorious life, and life immortal on this holy Easter morn.  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise:  
We with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.*

*Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,  
Which will all its full abundance at his glorious advent yield,  
Then the golden ears of harvest will before his presence wave,  
Rising in his sunshine joyous, from the furrow of the grave.*

*Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
Rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;  
That we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,  
And by angel hands be gathered and be ever, Lord, with thee.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God above!  
Alleluia to the Savior, Fount of life and source of love;  
Alleluia to the Spirit let our high ascriptions be;  
Alleluia, now and ever, to the blessed Trinity. Alleluia!*

Text by Christopher Wordsworth

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

HYMN: Hail Thee Festival Day  
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal, front supplement), #H-9

*Salve Festa Dies*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Toccata (from *Symphony No. 5*)  
John Finney, organ

*Charles-Marie Widor*

Preaching: Rev. Matt Wooster  
Liturgists: Rev. Anne Marie Holloway, Rev. Judy Swahnberg

The Gainsborough Brass Ensemble  
John Mahoney, trumpet  
Greg Whitaker, trumpet  
James Mosher, French horn  
Stephen Olans, trombone  
Dan Hunter, tuba  
Gary DiPerna, timpani