

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion.
The Bread will be taken together, and the Cup taken together as a congregation
in celebration of our unity in Christ.*

Children are invited to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents or guardians.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(unison)*

**Gracious God, we give You thanks and praise for uniting us in Christ Jesus. Fill us with Your Spirit
that we may spread the good news to all Your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah by *G.F. Handel* Choir & Congregation
Music is available for any who wish to sing with the choir in the chancel up front.

***BENEDICTION** Benj Boyd

POSTLUDE "Toccatà" from *Symphony for Organ No. 5* by *Charles-Marie Widor* Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Paul Finkbeiner, Joshua Young, Andy Borden,
Noah Payton, Declan Johnston, Sanctuary Choir, Danny Reeves.

TECHNICIAN: Scott Hokett | **GREETER:** Sandy Terry | **FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** Advisory Council

READERS: Augie Boyd, Didi Ntumba, Clara Boyd, Jillian Barbour,
John Howland-Streng and Benj Boyd

*Families are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt following Worship service. See Director of
Christian Education, Colleen Foster, with any questions. We will meet in Fellowship Hall to start the
Egg Hunt. Note that this morning's special offering is being received for the Minister's Discretionary
Fund which supports people in urgent financial need. To give to this special offering, you may use
the Easter envelopes in your pew.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday, All-Family and Communion

PRELUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" by Gordon Young Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Joel K. Boyd

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

**Stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsively spoken*) (from Luke 24:34 & Psalm 118:24) Augie Boyd

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

Congregation: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #196

***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*in unison*) Didi Ntumba

God of our salvation, through our faith in the risen Jesus Christ, You have brought us to new life. Bless us by Your Spirit and be with us now, that we might sing Your praises, O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Fill our hearts with joy for the task of being Your people in Jesus who taught us to pray: 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 forever. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Because He Lives" #204 v. 1

ANTHEM "Resurrection Hymn" arr. by Steven Strite Sanctuary Choir

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Joel K. Boyd

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" #200 Sanctuary Choir

***DOXOLOGY** (*sing in unison*) #563

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***OFFERING PRAYER** Clara Boyd

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18 | Page #114 NT Jillian Barbour and John Howland-Streng

Leader: This is the Gospel message of our Savior.

Congregation: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

ALL-FAMILY SERMON "When We Least Expect It" Rev. Joel K. Boyd

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
INVITATION TO THE TABLE** Rev. Joel K. Boyd

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Congregation: **Delivering God, You shattered the power of brokenness by raising Jesus from the tomb. By Your great love You send the Spirit to guide us in Jesus' ways. Yet we do not always follow the path You call us to, and instead we go our own ways. Forgive us for all the times we turn from You and from the needs of people in our midst. Restore us again by our faith in Christ, who heals all and is in all.**

Minister: Immense in mercy and with an incredible love, God embraced us even though we did not do as we should. God took our brokenness and made us alive in Christ. God did all this with no help from us. Then God picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah. In Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Congregation: **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by:

Jennie Bayer

In loving memory of Ronald Spaeth, Dad and Grandpa

Pat and Dick Dunwell

In celebration of our Risen Savior

Michele Fecht

In loving memory of my grandparents, Ezra and Era McElmurry

Denise and Carl Parr

In memory of our parents Charles and Helen Parr and James and Dona Browne

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