

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – EASTER SUNDAY

PRELUDE

“Easter Joy”
Alleluia Ringers
arr. John Benke

WORDS OF WELCOME & WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Many: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
One: This is the good news by which we are saved:
Many: On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.
All: Alleluia! He is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did
once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise
our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

EASTER PRAYER (Unison)

When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, Your love broke through. Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold. The sparks cast by Your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light. Gracious God, we praise You for the light of new life made possible through Jesus. We praise You for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection. We praise You for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today. We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day, and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen.

RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” Hopson

FAMILY TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON Joshua 24:13-16 Ragan Ormand
So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant. Now fear the LORD and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods

your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!”

SERMON

Turn Your World Upside Down
Acts 17:1-6

Louis Imsande

And Paul went in (Jewish synagogue), as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This is the Messiah, Jesus Whom I am proclaiming to you.” Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason’s house. When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, “These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also.”

ANTHEM

“The Bells of Easter”
Chancel Choir & Alleluia Ringers

Stanley Pethel

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to You by both be given, Alleluia! Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** “Hallelujah!” (from THE MESSIAH - Handel) arr. Carl Seal
Renee Windham, piano; Lana Pollard, organ

*Please rise in body or in spirit