April 4, 2021 Happy Easter!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Invocation and 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 forever. Amen.

HYMN #224 Christ Arose!

1 Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:
Up from the grave he arose, (he arose)
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah!
Christ arose!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying,
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With joy, we pray for all Christian assemblies
united this morning at the empty tomb.
Help us see you, O God, in those we do not expect to encounter
and remove all fear from our hearts.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With humility, we pray for this planet, our home.
Heal what we have scarred and broken;
renew the face of Earth from north to south, from east to west
so that your creation may speak to us of your goodness.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With hope and love, we pray for the nations of the world,
especially those places overwhelmed by war and conflict.
Bless peacemakers who work to bring justice

to their country, city, village, and household.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With compassion, wipe away the tears of all who weep.
Give us the spiritual tools we need to feed the hungry,
clothe the naked, and comfort those who are in any trouble.
Send your angels to watch over the vulnerable and sick.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing of mercy, peace, grace, healing, and hope to all those who need you, especially those who have been brought to this congregation for prayer….(read prayer list).
We ask the same for all who are in our hearts but not yet on our lips, and for the deep needs in this room.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With fondness, we remember those who saw our risen Lord
and witnessed to his resurrection so that we might have faith.
May their words and deeds inspire us
to sing our "Alleluia!" again and again.
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Passing from darkness to light,
from bondage to freedom,
from death to life,
we commend to you, gracious and ever-living God,
all for whom we pray. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

Words of Institution
Prayer
Partaking

SCRIPTURE John 20: 1– 18

SERMON Resurrection Reminders

HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today #216

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!

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