



GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Easter Sunday
 March 31, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.
 Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin
 Lay Presider: Nancy Moon



GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music: Grace Band
Majesty

Jack Hayford

Prelude: Grace Band & guest trumpeter Erasmus Hilland
I Stand in Awe

Mark Altrogge

Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Procession: O Holy Lord

Don Salfarlie

Lighting the Christ Candle

Miracle & Miriam

Call to Worship:

One: In a garden, in the gloom before dawn, we have received
 a truth for all the ages.

All: He is not here but has risen.

One: Christ has risen over death, risen for each one of us today.

All: Risen in our hearts, risen in our lives.

One: We proclaim our joy for all the ages.

All: Hallelujah! Christ has risen!

Greeting

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship 1: Led by the Choir
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

VU #155

Communion:
Invitation

Response:

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Almighty God, we come together on this joyous day of Easter, filled with awe at the miracle of Christ's resurrection. As we gather in celebration, we remember the journey from death to life and the promise of new beginnings. Through this communion, we are united with Christ and each other in the mystery of faith.

All: Lord, we rejoice in your presence.

One: In the joy of this morning, we recall the darkness of the tomb and the brightness of the resurrection light. As we break the bread and share the cup, let us remember the risen Christ among us, whose life and love overcome all despair.

All: Lord, fill us with your joy and peace.

One: Let this communion be a testament to our faith in the resurrection, inspiring us to live with hope and to act with love. Empower us by your Spirit to carry the light of Christ into the world, spreading joy and peace wherever we go.

All: Lord, send us forth in your power.

One: We pray for all gathered here and for our brothers and sisters across the globe celebrating the resurrection today. May our hearts be united in the joy of Easter, and may our lives reflect the love and renewal found in Christ.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Thine Is the Glory

VU# 173

Remembrance

Silent Prayer

Distribution

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (Instrumental)

Henry Smith

Prayer Before Communion

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

Choir Anthem: He Arose Pepper Choplin
From the Easter Musical 'Come Walk with Me'

Young at Heart:

Song: Celebrate Jesus Led by Kay Bingham Gary Oliver
Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-10 & 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
(Read in English) Nisha Panchal

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Read again in Hindi by Meenakshi from Open Door Church

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Sermon: Resurrection: An Unshakable Hope Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory: More Than Wonderful Lanny Wolfe

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow
VU #541

Offertory Prayer

Praise and Worship 3: Choir
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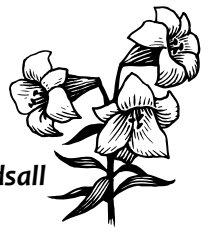
THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND
Choir Anthem: The Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

The Beautiful Lilies and Mums that grace
our Sanctuary this morning were placed,



- † In loving memory of my parents Lorne & Barbara Beardsall
from Sandra Beardsall
- † In loving memory of our parents Sanna & Herbert Wade and
Grete & Wilhelm Volkmann from Berni & Sue Volkmann
- † In loving memory of her beloved husband Ralph Guinness, her daughter
Jacqueline Guinness, and her son Jay Kennedy from Irma Guinness
- † In loving memory of Dr. Cliff & Elizabeth Armitage and
her husband Roger Peddle from Kathleen Armitage-Peddle
- † In loving memory of all our loved ones from Edgar & Eugenie Dover
- † In loving memory of Kathleen & Sheila Spence and Doug Porter
from Debra Porter
- † In loving memory of all my loved ones from Jean Thompson
- † In loving memory of Albert & Gladys Ridley & her husband Bill Wilson
from Nancy Wilson
- † In loving memory of her partner Pat Evans and her parents
Jessie & Walter Morris from Beth Van Vleit
- † In loving memory of all their loved ones from Alex and Helen MacMillan
- † In loving memory of Marieta Correa from Loida Correa
- † In loving memory of Anne Laborde & Nadine Veris from Camilla Mayers
- † In loving memory of her husband Richard Hill from Sheila Hill
- † In loving memory of her brother Carl Kenny from Rena,
Jenn & Chris Quigley
- † In loving memory of Benhilda Chirisa from Barron Chirisa
- † In loving memory of all my loved ones from Jean Sampson
- † In loving memory of his beloved partner Nicole McIntyre
from Jeremiah (J.J.) Roberts

Please pick up your Easter plant after the service. God Bless!