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Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

WE GATHER

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Hymn: **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

VU 155

Call to Worship:

Come, give thanks that God is good.

Let us celebrate today!

Come, give thanks that Jesus is risen.

Let us celebrate today!

Come, give thanks for the life we have been given,
and the new life we will receive.

Let us celebrate today!

Glory to God.

Jesus is risen. Alleluia!

Glory to God.

The tomb is empty.

Glory to God.

God is stronger than death.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

God of new life, on this Easter morning we come celebrating the good
news that Christ is risen.

Together we join our voices in praise.

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With rejoicing we lift up our hearts.

In gratitude we offer our thanks.

United, we worship you.

We are your people and because of you, Hallelujah is our song.

Amen.

Welcome, Celebration, and Announcements:

Children's Time

Ring the Tone Bell (invitation to a moment of quiet)

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

From our Scriptures: John 20:1-18

From the World Around Us: *"Resurrection" by Mary Ann Bedard*

Sermon: While It Was Still Dark

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **Joy Comes with the Dawn** **VU 166**

Offering

Invitation

"What Can I Do?"

MV 191

Dedication of the Gifts

We pray...

Hymn: **"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"**

VU 400

Prayers of the People

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The Lord's Prayer (sung)

VU 959

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn: **"Bread for the Journey"** (2X)

MV 202

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Hymn: **Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!**

MV 121 (v. 1,2,3,5)

Commissioning and Benediction:

From this Easter celebration we go forth to live resurrection:

In the name of God who created us,

In the name of Christ who makes us free,

In the name of the Spirit who makes us one.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Hallelujah!

Going Forth: **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks**

VU 179

(refrain, v. 2, refrain)

Postlude