

Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church
Easter II

*Welcome to worship as we continue our celebration of Jesus' resurrection!
Christ is risen! Because Christ lives, we can live also!*

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: "Christ Is Alive" arr. Lloyd Larson
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Introit: "Benediction Response" by Joy F. Patterson
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Call to Worship Rev. Richard Dykstra, Minister

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

P: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

L: God has claimed us as his own.

P: He has brought us out of darkness,

He has made us light to the world.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

P: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Prayer of Invocation

Our Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have
turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have been
wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are
prisoners of ourselves. ... (Silent prayer)**

Response: **"He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord."**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: "Thine Is the Glory"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12 Jackie Slater, Reader

Anthem: "Come to the Tomb and Live Forevermore" arr. Jack Schrader
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Sermon: "Do you believe in Easter?"

Prayer

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Affirmation (*based on I Corinthians 15:3-7 & Colossians 1:15-20*)

This is the good news by which we are saved, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ has died for our sins, was buried, and raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many
faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of creation,
the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fulness of god
was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

Offertory: "The Stone is Rolled Away" Don Besig (ASCAP) & David N. Davenport
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Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Our Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection"

Benediction

Choral Response: "Come to the Tomb and Live Forevermore" (Reprise)

Postlude: "Lord of the Dance" arr. Joel Raney
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