

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

In The Prayer Garden

April 5, 2026

6:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

JUST AFTER SUNRISE...

Mark 16:1-3

EASTER INVITATION

Mark 16:4-6

Roddy Hamilton

*EASTER ACCLAMATION...*as the Cross is draped*

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

Jesus of Nazareth is not here.

Jesus Christ our Lord is Risen Today!

*EASTER HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

EASTER PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us. When our faith is short of

understanding though the truth is there to see, forgive us.

When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an

empty tomb today, forgive us. Bring to mind the cry of Mary,

'I have seen the Lord!' and grant us faith to believe! Amen.

EASTER ASSURANCE OF OUR FORGIVENESS

EASTER STORY (Jill)

Mark 16:9-11

A WORD OF FAITH

Do You Believe?

Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited and welcome at God's Table.

On this resurrection morning, fresh from the garden,
Jesus bids us to come dine with him.

On this resurrection morning, fresh from the garden,
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GREAT THANKSGIVING & CONSECRATION

SHARING THE LOAF AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord Jesus, we have feasted on the bread of life. We have quenched our thirst with the fruit of the vine. In your resurrection power, you have united us with all of heaven and earth. May that sense of relationship with you and one another; bring us hope and joy, today and in the days to come. In the name of the Risen Christ, now and forever. Amen.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TREE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In Memory of Nelson Joseph Macan

*EASTER HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Up from the Grave He Arose

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

**REFRAIN: Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph 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! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior,
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!**

REFRAIN...

*SENDING FORTH (Jill)

Roddy Hamilton

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Welcome to this service of worship. We pray this service offered an opportunity to engage with the Divine. If we can be of service to you in any way, please let us know. If you are looking for a church to call home, please consider joining together with us, where we help each other grow in faith, love, and service.

Please join with us for worship in our Sanctuary every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Special Thank You to All Serving Today In Worship...

Lay Reader: Barbara Gruezke

Music Director: Denise Furda

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AND Our Prayer Garden Ministry Team:

who makes this all possible yearly.



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