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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are  
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

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**EASTER**

**April 20, 2014**

\*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

### **Ring the Bell**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard  
and footsteps in the dew proved that Christ had risen,  
that he had come back to those and for those  
who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed him.

**Early in the morning, a voice speaks to us,  
calling us out of darkness and into the light of God's new day.**

With joy, let us rise and greet our Risen Lord.

**\*Processional Song** NCH #233 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

### **Greeting and Announcements**

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed!**

**Anthem**

“We Know that Christ Is Raised”

Charles Stanford

**\*Easter Affirmation**

This is the Good News—  
the grave is empty,  
Christ is risen.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the Good News—  
the light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the Good News—  
once we were no people, now we are God’s people.

**Hallelujah!**

Christ is our peace,  
the indestructible peace  
we now share with one another.

**\*Sung Response NCH #236**

“Halleluja”

**\*Sharing Christ’s Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Children’s Message**

Hannah Hannover

## Sung Prayer for Illumination "Bless the Lord, My Soul" (2x)

### Scripture Readings

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."**

God is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of God does valiantly; the right hand of God is exalted; the right hand of God does valiantly."

**I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of our God.**

God has punished me severely, but did not give me over to death.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God.**

This is the gate of our God; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that our God has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

John 20:1-18 (p. 140-141 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

**Sermon**

"A Quiet Dawning"

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

**\*Song**

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

**Prayers of the People** beginning with "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (2x)

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Please join in praying the following, or whatever version is most meaningful to you:*

**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.**

**Offering**

"Celebrate This Glorious Day!"

Cristi Cary Miller

**Sung Response NCH 347** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" v. 1

***Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and  
heard.***

***Je-sus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:  
Loaves abound!***

**Communion Prayer**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank and praise you, O God, for creating; for re-creating; for making all things new. As the risen Christ joins us with dew-dampened feet, we remember:

*The Words of Institution*

Pour out on this meal and on us who share it your Spirit of life.

**Renew in us your image of grace, so that our lives, like Christ's, may reflect your goodness, wisdom, and love; and this whole world may shine with the glory of his resurrection dawn. Amen.**

**Sung Response**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” v. 2

***Christ is able to make us one, at his table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.  
Je-sus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!***

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup** All are welcome at this Table. The bread is free of gluten, soy, and dairy; the “wine” is unfermented (aka “juice”).

**\*Sung Response**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” v. 3

***Je-sus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev-ery-where.  
Je-sus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!***

**Closing Prayer**

**\*Song**

“I Danced in the Morning”

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Sending Music**

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Members of the congregation are invited to come forward and join the choir