



Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Jennifer Larson

(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †

PRELUDE.....Beethoven

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Lauren Terry

Leader: Sing the glad songs of victory;
God is creating a day of newness and joy.

**PEOPLE: GOD IS OUR STRENGTH AND OUR SONG;
THIS IS THE DAY OF OUR SALVATION.**

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**PEOPLE: THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED ASSURES US;
WE ARE ACCEPTED AND BELOVED BY GOD.**

Leader: We are chosen by God as witnesses to good news.
We will live and recount the deeds of our God.

**UNISON: GOD REIGNS! LET ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES REJOICE.
IN CHRIST, ALL SHALL BE MADE ALIVE.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Ava Everett

***WORSHIP HYMN** *Trumpet - Derek Harbeson*CH. 216

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

With thanksgiving, praise, and joy, we worship You, marvelous God. How amazing is all Your creation! How glorious is this day of new life! Come among us now, we pray, to raise us up from our fears and doubts and perplexity. We want to believe. We want to trust. We want to dare. We want to live. Touch us today with a spirit of hope, that our discipleship may honor Christ. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**.....CH. 35

Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 936).....1 Corinthians 15:19-26

ANTHEM.....Russell Nagy

He's Alive! He's Alive

That first Easter Day, as the sky changed from black to gray, who scared the Roman soldiers away early Easter Day?

As gray turned to red, and the sun raised its sleepy head, who lifted Jesus up from the dead early Easter Day?

It's the Father come back for the Son, for the battle with death is won.

And you'll know the victory too, now that Jesus has risen for you!

He's alive! He's alive! And the angels say that Jesus Christ is risen today!

He's alive! He's alive! Join the Alleluia...someday you'll rise too!

That Easter of old, as the sun changed from red to gold, who had the power that death couldn't hold

and rolled the stone away?

As gold turned to white, who outshone all of heaven's light? The Son of God, in glory and might, raised that Easter Day.

It's the Father come back for the Son, for the battle with death is won.

And you'll know the victory too, now that Jesus has risen for you!

He's alive! He's alive! And the angels say that Jesus Christ has risen today!

He's alive! He's alive! Join the Alleluia, someday you'll rise too!

SECOND READING (pg. 829).....Mark 16:1-8

MESSAGE.....Pastor Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Solo - Allison Nutting*.....Jonathan Foreman

Only Hope

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You, God, for resurrection. We rejoice in Christ as the first fruits of all that You make available to us. As You offered Christ to the world, so we would offer ourselves. May we, along with our gifts, testify to the good news of Your forgiving love and empowering acceptance. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 218

Thine is the Glory

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Lois Pyles

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Jennifer Larson

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Kari Jobe

What Love Is This

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed.
You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 226

He Lives!

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian
or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

***BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

*POSTLUDE.....Paestrina

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‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Game Sunday in LIVE BIG!

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Sharon Jenson, Wendy White, Emily Vinson, Alex Everett



Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.

*We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence
in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



The Welcome Loaf

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our
appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship
to receive your loaf.*



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Rejoice!

He is

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