Easter Sunday 2018

THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Brass Processional "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" arr. S. Drummond Wolff
(FUPC Brass Quartet)

Welcome & Announcements

* **Call to Worship**
One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

* **Opening Hymn #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**
(accompanied by Handbell Choir & FUPC Brass Quartet)

Prayer of the Day ***(unison)***
Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.

Call to Confession
One: Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

Prayer of Confession ***(unison)***
All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness
One: By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation. You shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song. I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, who lives and reigns as Mother of us all, now and forever.

* **Response #581 Gloria Patri**

* **The Passing of the Peace**
One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you. *(Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ)*

Time for Young Disciples Rev. Meggan Farwell
All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination ***(unison)***
Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:6-9 Pew Bible – OT p.652
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem "The Lord Is Risen This Morning!" by N. Price/Don Besig

Second Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-43 Pew Bible – NT p.129
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Life Force" Rev. Luke Farwell

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Baptism Greyson Lee Hamp
Assisting Elder ~ Kathy Gutzman

* **Affirmation of Faith** **Apostles' Creed** **Hymnal, pg. 35**

* **Hymn #238 "Thine Is the Glory"**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer
The Words of Institution
The Sharing of Bread and Wine *(See* "Welcome to Worship" *card in the pew rack for instructions)*
Communion Prayer

Offering

Musical Offertory "Day of Arising" setting, Mark Sedio

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* Please stand as you are able
Bold type indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation

*** Doxology #607**

*** <u>Prayer of Dedication</u>** ***(unison)***
**Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all.
You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world.
Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

*** Closing Hymn #233** **"The Day of Resurrection!"**

*** Charge & Benediction**

*** Postlude** "Toccata and Chorale on 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken' "
setting, Benjamin M. Culli

Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you in the prayer room if needed.

Our beautiful Easter Lilies are given by Vern and Suzanne Pahl in memory of Jim, Milton & Merlina Pahl. Decorations are from the Liturgical Arts Ministry.

<u>Assisting in Worship This Morning</u>

Greeters:	The Malcolm Family
Liturgist:	Kathy Gutzman
Acolytes:	Ian Mackey & Rhett Mehlberg
Ushers:	Lou Seiler, Bill Picard, Judy England & Rosemarie Pagel
Organist:	Julie Mackey
Handbell Director:	Ted Huebbe
Choir Director:	Andy Parks
FUPC Brass Quartet:	Connie Campbell & Abby Malcolm-trumpets, Andy Park-horn, and David Malcolm-trombone
Elder of the Month:	Mark DeCleene
Deacons of the Month:	Mike Kettner & Marilyn Kabat
Tech Crew:	Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks, & Joe Williams

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