

PRELUDE "Up from the Grave He Arose" by Lowry Thelma Downey

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Denise Cosgrove
Even in the midst of our Good Friday grief, a sparrow sings in the garden, heralding the morning, as sunlight kisses the dewy grass.

WELCOME Denise Cosgrove

CALL TO WORSHIP Denise Cosgrove

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

L: Darkness has been vanquished!

P: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!

L: Come let us worship and celebrate the *Good News!*

P: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!

OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" vs. 1, 5 & 6 Hymnal Page #302

1. 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!

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER Denise Cosgrove

Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is Risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits to receive fully the joy which has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future! Amen.

READINGS Denise Cosgrove

Matthew 28:1-10 NIV

Jesus Has Risen

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, Who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell His disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.' Now I have told you." ⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet

filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me."

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "HE IS NOT HERE, HE HAS RISEN" Pastor Tom

SPECIAL MUSIC "Thine Be The Glory"

Easter Sunday Virtual Choir: This amazing experience brought together over 400 United Methodist singers from around the world – proving that even in the midst of a pandemic we are still united.

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE Pastor Tom

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS) Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Denise Cosgrove

God of grace and God of glory, pour Your power on Your people this day, that our lives may reflect the gift we have received through the resurrection of Your Son. Truly we see that You show no partiality, offering abundance of life and fullness of grace to all who turn to You in their need. With deepest gratitude for Your many gifts, particularly the gift of Your Son, we offer You our tithes and offerings this day. In the Name of the resurrected One, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "He Lives" vs. 1 & 3

Hymnal Page #310

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near.

Refrain: He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. **(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE "Crown Him with Many Crowns" by Bridges/Thring/Elvey Thelma Downey