

\* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... *LET US FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR HEARTS ON THE RISEN LIVING LORD JESUS CHRIST*

OPENING PAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

At the break of dawn, a bird sings.  
**The long night of darkness is over.**  
The stone is rolled away.  
**The tomb is empty.**  
The sun begins to shine.  
**The Son has risen!**  
It's a morning of glory,  
**Of love overcoming death,**  
Of women spreading Good News,  
**Of men turning from despair.**  
It's a morning of joy,  
**For Easter has come again.**  
Love is stronger than death,  
**And we lift our voices in song.**

\* *Up from the Grave He Arose*

# 322

\* A LITANY OF EASTER:

*(each set is increasingly louder)*

He is risen.  
**He is risen, indeed.**  
He is risen.  
**He is risen, indeed.**  
He is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\* *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

# 302 (verses 1, 2, 3, 4)

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

TIME OF PRAYER

*Christ Is Risen*

# 313 (tune # 89)

*Christ Is Risen*

# 307

GOD'S WORD:

John 20:1-18

*(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... The People respond: "Thanks BE to God")*

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"GO, SHOW AND TELL"**

DISCIPLESHIP PROCLAMATION:

**We believe that Jesus came to Earth,  
that he endured the cross, and that he died.  
We believe that Jesus gave his life as a ransom for our own sins.  
We believe that Jesus did not stay dead –  
that he was raised to life on the third day.  
We believe that Jesus conquered sin and death  
and that he is living and reigning in heaven with God.  
We believe that we will one day see him face to face.  
And as we wait, we will share these beliefs with the world.**

\* *He Lives*

# 310 (verses 1, 2)

\* PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR LIVES, OUR TITHES, AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD:

**Gracious God, as we celebrate the power of the resurrection this day,  
we ask that you receive us and these offerings  
for the building up of your church and your kingdom.  
By the power of your Spirit, use us and these offerings  
to bring peace, justice, hope and the good news of Jesus Christ  
to all the world. Amen.**

\* BENEDICTION

\* *He Lives*

# 310 (verse 3)

# ***"I saw the Master!"***

(John 20:18 ... MSG)



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**"EASTER SUNDAY"**

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