

*Celebration of the Resurrection*

April 20, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Entering God's Presence

***Duet from Cantata 78  
Sound the Trumpet***

J. S. Bach  
Henry Purcell

\*Expressing Our Joy

*Leader: A joyous mystery brings us together.*

***People: We come to hear the good news, again.***

*Leader: Listen friends, the tomb that was sealed is now open.*

***People: Broken is the grip of all that would box life in.***

*Leader: The grave that was occupied is now empty.*

***People: The One who was dead is alive.***

*Leader: Christ is risen.*

***People: The Lord is risen indeed!***

*Leader: Alleluia!*

***People: Alleluia, Amen!*** (Please remain standing.)

\*Trumpet Duet Fanfare

***Joy***

Eddie Lewis

\*Hymn 232

***Jesus Christ Is Risen Today***

EASTER HYMN

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

***Dazzling God, we are blinded to your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. Jesus, our Redeemer, we thank you that our fears and sorrows are no barrier to your love. Whenever we have retreated behind closed doors, you have sought us out to comfort and strengthen us. Though we have not felt the breath of your presence like the disciples, yet we have felt you close to us. Each time a fresh peace dispels anxiety, each time we feel the impulse to serve another in love, we have signs of your closeness to us. In a love stronger than death, you have claimed us and given us a new beginning and a holy work to do.***

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Choir

***The Strife Is O'er*** (Hymn 236)

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

Welcome and Life in the Community

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

\*Hymn 238

***Thine Is the Glory***

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Flowering the Cross* ~ Children are invited to come forward with flowers

John 20:1-10 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 108 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

***My Redeemer Lives! Alleluia!***

arr. Lloyd Larson

John 20:11-18 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 108 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

***Easter: Meeting the Risen Lord***

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

\*Affirming Our Faith and ***Gloria Patri*** (No. 581)

*Equal with God:* ***Jesus is Lord.***

(Progressively louder)

*Emptied himself:* ***Jesus is Lord.***

*God raised him up:* ***Jesus is Lord.***

*Came as a servant:* ***Jesus is Lord.***

*Gave him the name:* ***Jesus is Lord.***

*Found as a man:* ***Jesus is Lord.***

*Higher than all:* ***Jesus is Lord.***

*Humbly obeyed:* ***Jesus is Lord.***

*Every knee bow:* ***Jesus is Lord.***

*Went to his death:* ***Jesus is Lord.***

*All tongues confess: 'Jesus is Lord!'*

*Death on a cross:* ***Jesus is Lord.***

***Amen! Alleluia!***

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(In the *Offering*, we dedicate our lives and a portion of the resources God has entrusted to us. Your gifts may be dedicated online, by mail, or in-person.)

Offertory

***Campra Rigaudon*** (trumpets)

Drummond Wolff

\*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 606)

\*Prayer of Dedication and *The Lord's Prayer*

***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.***

\*Hymn 826

***Lift High the Cross***

CRUCIFER

(During the singing of the hymn, members of the congregation are encouraged to come forward and join the choir in singing the *Hallelujah Chorus*.)

\*Benediction and Choral Benediction

***Hallelujah, Messiah***

G. F. Handel

\*Going Out into the World

\*All those who are able, please stand.

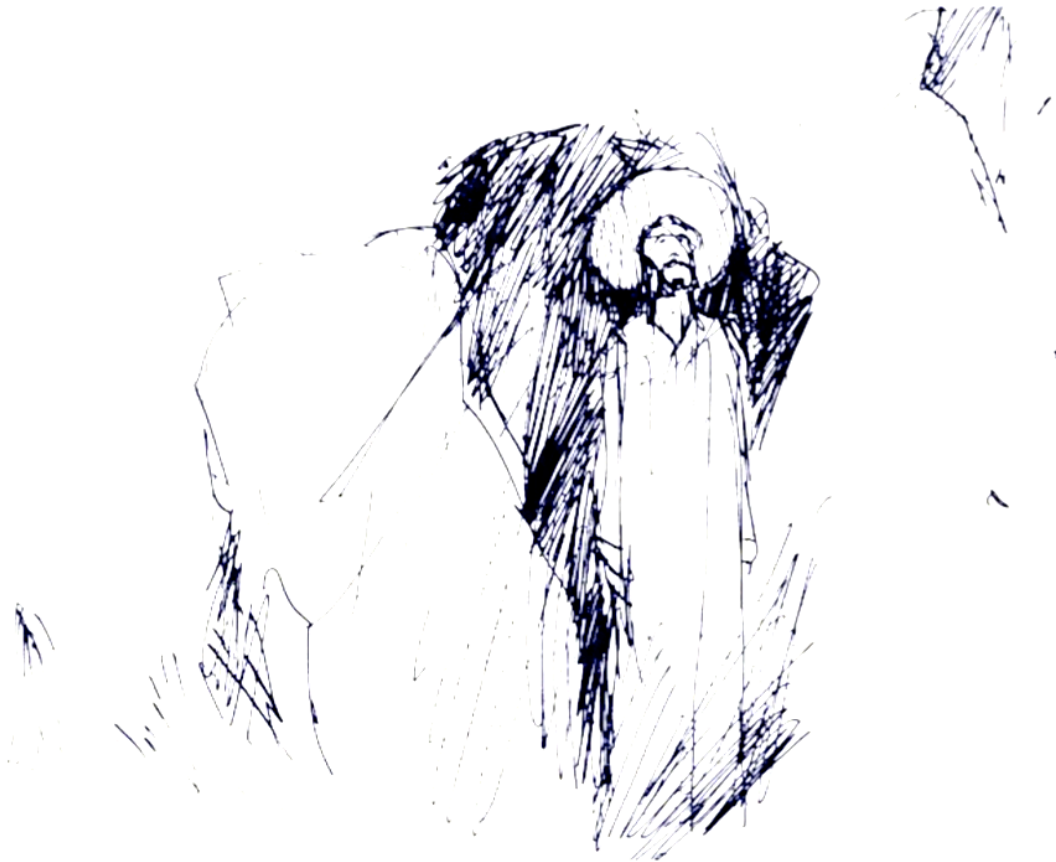
**We welcome** Amelia Orr (trumpet) and Rhys Brustoski (trumpet) to our Easter Celebration.

**Recent Prayer Concerns** (Names are listed for a month): Viva Herscher, June Roberts, Lou Mintz, Madge Walther.

**Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Matt, Greg and Kathy Woodbury, Chloe Hotze, John Marty, Marty Belk, Jeanie Heath, Bill Schupp, Patrick McDougal, Frank Godfrey, Nancy Butler.

If you'd like to add someone to either prayer list, please let the church know at [hello@oursunrise.org](mailto:hello@oursunrise.org) or 843.883.3888. 1) indicate if the person should be placed on the **Recent OR Continuing** prayer list and 2) the **individual's mailing address** so that they may receive postcards with expressions of care and concern from the congregation.

Sunrise has an active Prayer Chain from which you may request immediate prayers for yourself and others. Information transmitted via the Prayer Chain is strictly confidential. Whether it's a loved one undergoing surgery or someone about whom you are concerned, you may request immediate prayers on their behalf. There are two chains that are linked together, a daytime chain and an evening chain. When prayers are requested, the person at the top of the chain calls the next person who in turn calls the next person and so on. If there is no answer, you leave a message and then move on to call the next person on the chain. If you have a prayer request or if you would like to participate in this important ministry by serving on either the day or the evening chain, please contact Betty Jane Dillon at (843) 971-8408 or Patsy Hindman at (843) 906-8653.



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