

# Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

9:00 AM

## CONNECTING WITH CHRIST

Prelude

Welcome, Celebration, and Concerns

Call to Worship

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

†Hymn 361            **Worship Christ, The Risen King**

## CLEANSING OUR HEARTS

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Merciful and loving God, Your love for us is unconditional, yet our love is often marred. We allow prejudice and pride to blind us; our brokenness remains unhealed; we cling to old stories and hurts that prevent reconciliation. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to trust You, for playing it safe instead of following the daring call of Your Spirit, and for withholding forgiveness and grace from ourselves and others. Teach us to live as forgiven and forgiving people. Let Your love renew us again through the Holy Spirit who broadcasts this love in our hearts. Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead, raise us from the depth of our sin. Through this power rekindle creative life within us and restore the right relations among us, so that we may reflect Your resurrection power in our hearts and lives. In the name of the resurrected Savior, we pray. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Choral

Hymn 368

***“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, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives; He lives within my heart.”***

## RESPONDING TO GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

†Doxology

Hymn 815

†Fourth Stanza of America

Pew Hymnal, page 807

***Our Fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.***

†Affirmation of Faith

1 Corinthians 15:51-58 (NLT)

***But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. When our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.***

Pastoral Prayer

†Hymn 367

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

## RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

**Luke 24:20-32**

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Message

**The Power of Resurrection Hope**

*Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lovelady*

## CONNECTING WITH LIFE

†Hymn

**Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

†Benediction

†Postlude

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*†Worshipers are asked to stand, if able*