

Sunrise 2024 ~ March 31

Pastor: Rev. Ardy Skidmore

CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

**Sunrise Hymn: #123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
verses. 1-2-3**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day; Alleluia,
who did once upon the cross; Alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss; Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia,
unto Christ our heavenly king; Alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave; Alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured; Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; Alleluia,
now above the sky he's King; Alleluia,
where the angels ever sing: Alleluia!

Prayer of Adoration (ALL)

Holy God of all creation
Out of darkness you called light and life
You call us to be still, to and know you are near
Because you are a God of love
You are a God who gives us hope and peace
You gave us a silent night in Christ's birth and
A joyous morning in His resurrection.
We live in awe of the amazing love you have
For us and praise you with our words, our songs
And our hearts. In the risen Christ we pray, Amen.

Call to Confession Rev. Skidmore

**Prayer of Confession: (ALL) Lord too often we
don't look for you, we don't come to where you
are or we don't believe when you are with us. Like
the women and the disciples, we weep at the
tomb and don't recognize your presence. We too
quickly forget the promises You made, that
trusting in your steadfast love we are forgiven.**

You defeated death but we are overwhelmed with
life. Give us Easter morning courage as we face
difficulties. Forgive us when we act like fearful
Saturday people rather than triumphant Sunday
saved saints. Forgive us when we run away from
you instead of searching for you, worshipping you,
trusting you. Forgive us when we exalt ourselves
rather than humbling ourselves before your call
on our lives. Forgive us when we look for logic
instead of believing in your miracles. Help us to
live each day knowing and proclaiming that you
are the risen Christ. Help us keep our focus on You
and the victory we celebrate today and always.
Hear the silent cries of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Skidmore

Prayer of illumination

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 25:6-9

John 20:1-18

Message "On This Mountain"

Rev. Ardy Skidmore

Affirmation of Faith (All) Apostles Creed

***I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son
our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Hymn of Worship #123

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" verse 4

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia,
Praise eternal as God's love: Alleluia,
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Prayer for Easter:

ONE: God of Promise and God of Hope, who through your great mercy have granted us new birth

ALL: through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we praise your wonderful name!

ONE: God of Glory and God of Might who through your great power have granted us new strength

ALL: to endure all things through faith in Christ our risen King, we praise your wonderful name!

ONE: God of mercy, guide us in Your way, keep us victorious over sin, help us share in this joy, joy of our risen Savior. Help us grow in Your love, share Your love and live our lives as Easter people. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Charge & Benediction Rev. Ardy Skidmore

Join us for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

9:00am for Easter Worship in the Sanctuary

Isaiah 25:6-9 (NRSVUE)

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines
strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from
all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that
he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

John 20:1-18 (NRSVUE)

The Resurrection of Jesus

²⁰ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

