

## **Sunrise 2025~ APRIL 20**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

**SUNRISE HYMN #123 Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

### **Verse 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

**Prayer of Confession: 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, worshiping 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

**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 25:6-9 and John 20:1-18**

**Message "Who are YOU looking for?"**

**Rev. Ardy Skidmore**

Affirmation of Faith (unision) 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**

**Pastor: Rev. Ardy Skidmore**

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**Isaiah 25:6-9 (New International Version)**

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine—  
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

<sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;  
he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> In that day they will say,

"Surely this is our God;

we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;

let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

**John 20:1-18 (New International Version)**

<sup>20</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

