



Early Easter Morning + April 9, 2023 + 7:00 a.m.

“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Paul’s Letter to the Romans 6.5-11

Greetings

Opening Scripture Mark 16.1-8

Leader The Lord is risen!

Congregation He is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!

Hymn of the Resurrection + (Sing to the best of your ability)

“Up From the Grave He Arose”

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.
(Refrain)

+Refrain “Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o’er his foes, he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Halleluiah! Christ arose”

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior, vainly they seal the
dead, Jesus my Lord! (Refrain)

3. Death cannot keep it’s prey, Jesus my Savior, he tore the bars
away, Jesus my Lord. (Refrain)

Opening Prayer

Words of Hope *The Letter of Paul to the Romans 8.35, 37-39*

+ Please go in silence +

+ A Quiet Processional to the Sanctuary +

Worship Interlude Leslie Gabler, Director of Music

Scripture Lesson Luke 24.1-12

Easter Video "Then Came the Morning"

Easter Hymn Hymnal #364 "Because He Lives I Can Face Tomorrow"

What does Easter mean to you?

You are invited to share personal words on what Easter means.

Words to Think About + The Emmaus Incident

Luke 24.13-35 "When he was at table with them, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him and he vanished from their sight."

Receive Jesus as the Bread of Life

Scripture Lesson John 6 (Selections)

Remember how Jesus said: *"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."* – John 6.48-51 We invite you to come forward one at a time to receive the "blessed bread" reminding each one of us that Jesus truly is the "bread of life."

Easter Hymn Hymnal #310 "He Lives"

Please leave quietly + God goes with you!
*Music "Alleluia" Chanted to Pachelbel's Canon in D
"On the Wings of Song"*