

SOUNDING OF THE CHIMES

INTROIT

Up From the Grave He Arose

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

\*HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

**EASTER HYMN** 

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Source of all Joy, today you receive your Son back into the light of life while we stand by amazed at the wild dance of heaven that interrupts and overthrows the powers of earth and death. You asked everything of Jesus, and he gave it all. You ask so little of us in return, and yet we withdraw our energies when the work is long and difficult. You ask us to speak for the silent, and we only whisper, afraid to be heard. You ask us to see the world clearly, in all its flaws, its violence and apathy, and to love it anyway, just as you do. Forgive us our meager faith in the face of Christ's life-emptying grace on the cross.

\*SILENT PRAYER

## \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we find comfort that there is no sinner beyond redemption, no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so deep that God cannot heal. God accepts. God forgives. God redeems. God sets free.

We rejoice in this gift, this love, this unmerited grace. In Christ, we find our hope and our home, we find community and reconciliation. May our gratitude and thanksgiving be shown in how we live our lives in him. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ms. Joy Maple

\*HYMN 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks ALLELUIA NO. 1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Dr. Casto-Waters

Spirit of the Living Lord, give us imaginations to see ourselves before the empty tomb this day; give us hearts to expand in joy as the resurrection is revealed; enable us to remember and hold onto Christ's story of faithful obedience that brought us here; and give us new insights to open our eyes to the wonders of the Kingdom that still await us. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Isaiah 25:6-9

ANTHEM Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan (1957—2003)

Ride on King Jesus, Ride on the conquering king,
Oh ride on King Jesus, ride on, No man can hinder thee.
I was but young when I begun, but now my race is almost done.
King Jesus rides a milk white horse. The river of Jordan he did cross.
He's the King and Lord; He's the first and the last; He's the Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

**SERMON** 

OFFERTORY

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and Seraphim, falling down before Thee, which wert and art and evermore shall be.

Thou art holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Amen!

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ellsworth-Moran

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 238 Thine Is the Glory

**JUDAS MACCABEUS** 

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION1

May God bless us with discomfort...

Discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships,

Discomfort, so that we will live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger...

Anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,

Anger, so that we will work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears...

Tears to be shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, and war,

Tears, so that we will reach out to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And, may God bless us with foolishness...

Foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, Foolishness, so that we will do what others claim cannot be done.

Amen.

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You

POSTLUDE Grand Choeur in B-Flat

Eugene Gigout (1844—1925)

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<sup>\*</sup>All who are able please stand

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Slightly edited version of a Franciscan Benediction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Image from *The Walk*, by Adam Hamilton, page 128

# **Participating in Worship**



**Preacher**Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Worship Leaders

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran Rev. Boyd Lien Ms. Joy Maple

Musicians

Mr. S.C. Toe Dr. Wayne Lord Chancel Choir

> Acolyte Henry Revell

Friendship Pad Pick-up Whitney Pickett

#### Ushers

Jim Norvell Andy Magruder Richard Hinman Iim Trotter Steve Sanders Kirby Yawn Benton Johnson

### **STAFF**

Reverend Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters, Pastor, ext. 303 Reverend Nadine Ellsworth-Moran, Associate Pastor, ext. 301 Reverend Boyd Lien, Parish Associate, ext. 314 Mr. S.C. Toe, Director of Music, ext. 315 Dr. Wayne Lord, Associate Director of Music / Organist, ext. 310 Mrs. Jenny Davison, Children's Music Assistant Ms. Joy Maple, Director of Christian Education, ext. 305 Miss Makenzie Landrum, Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries, ext. 304 Miss Makenzie Landrum, Nursery Coordinator Mrs. Anna Sanders, Director of Mother's Day Out and Preschool, ext. 309 Mrs. Dawn McCraith, Director of Operations, ext. 302 Mrs. Becky Godbee. Communications Liaison. ext. 300 Mrs. Jenn Harrison, Financial Assistant, ext. 307 Mr. Leonard Jones, Facilities Supervisor Ms. Helen Moss. Custodian Ms. Denisha Nelson, Custodian

## **SESSION (ELDERS)**

Denise Rosenzweig, Clerk

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Scott Allen	Bill Davison	Shell Berry
Julia Kay	Jennifer Frantom	Indee Few
Mary Lewis	David Freeman	John Franklin
Scott Monnig	Jean McKnight	Seth Harbin
Max Vallotton	Amanda Mills	Jed Howington
Leila Stallworth	Richard Morgan	Cheryl Wilson

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Ross Tudor, Moderator

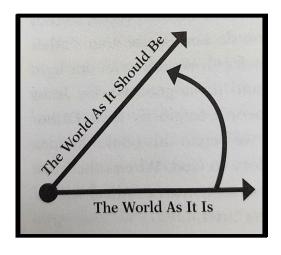
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Lisa Curley
Annette Kennedy
Mary Linda Lamar
George McCall
Bobby McRae
Charlene Sizemore
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Class of 2025 Linda Boyd Hubert Cooke Judy Brigham Jan Markle Carla Owen Gail Owens

Harry Snowdy

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**Hearing assistance.** Hearing aid wearers with a "T" (telecoil) setting can now hear the service broadcast directly through their hearing aids. Others desiring hearing assistance may check out a portable receiver / headset.