

April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday

Opening Song “This Easter Celebration” Dennis Kahn

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: This day is God’s own creation! We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Congregation: Jesus Christ has broken the bonds of death! We are witnesses to amazing good news!

Liturgist: Turn from your weeping and mourning. Put aside the ways of death.

Congregation: We are being raised with Christ to a new quality of life.

Liturgist: The surprises of the resurrection continue into our own day.

Congregation: The Risen Christ meets us here, bringing us new life and hope.

Hymn “Alleluia! The Strife Is O’er” #131 Red Hymnal

Confession of Sin

Dear God, we come to you on this Easter day anxious and stressed. Instead of turning to you for strength and hope over these last few weeks of the COVID-19 outbreak, we have tried to manage everything on our own. On this day of resurrection, we pray that you will break through our fear and trepidation and instill us with a sense of your loving presence. We want to be raised with Christ to a fresh quality of life. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri #338 Red Hymnal

Old Testament Lesson – Jeremiah 31:1-6

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of Praise “Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” #134 Red Hymnal

Epistle Lesson – Colossians 3:1-4

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Doxology #356 Red Hymnal

Gospel Lesson – John 20:1-18

Sermon

Communion

Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #130 Red Hymnal

Benediction

Congregational Response "Shalom" #368 Red Hymnal

Announcements:

- We will have communion during today's service. You may follow along at home by using your own bread and juice/water.
- Pastor Bill can be reached at (608)370-2249 for conversation and pastoral care.
- The church office is open Monday thru Friday (8am-noon) even though the church building will be locked. Please call (608)643-8387 to speak with the office manager or you can email her at: office@ucc-saukcity.org
- All Public Worship at First UCC has been cancelled until further notice. Our 8am worship is broadcast live on WRPQ: 99.7 FM, 740 AM or wrpq.com (click on the live stream button).
- Sunday school at First UCC has been cancelled until further notice. Please refer to our church website www.ucc-saukcity.org for up-to-date resources. Just click on the "Sunday School" tab on the left side of the page.