

April 17, 2022 – Easter Sunday

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Video Opening “Were You There?” performed by the First UCC Choir

Greeting

Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” #233 New Century Hymnal

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Sing the glad songs of victory; God is creating a day of newness and joy.

Congregation: God is our strength and our song; this is the day of our salvation.

Liturgist: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Congregation: the one who was rejected assures us: we are accepted and beloved by God.

Liturgist: We are chosen by God as witnesses to good news. We will live and recount the deeds of our God.

Congregation: God reigns; let all nations and peoples rejoice. In Christ, all shall be made alive.

Hymn “The Strife is O’er” #242 New Century Hymnal

Confession of Sin

Dazzling God, we are blinded to your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. We shrink from the chastening judgment we deserve. We resist the changes we know we must make to receive new life. Save us from the calamity of our selfish ways. Rescue us from all hurtful and destructive habits. Forgive our broken promises, heal our broken relationships, lift our broken spirits, so we may share in the resurrection of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 65:17-25 - God promises to create a new heaven and a new earth where no one will die too soon, all will "enjoy the work of their hands," and wolf, lamb, lion, and ox will live together without harm.

First Choir Anthem “He Is Risen”

Children’s Sermon

Epistle Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 - Paul describes first the risen Christ as the firstfruits of all who have died and then the end of all things when all things are subject to God.

First Choir Anthem “Sing Joyful Praise”

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Doxology

Gospel Lesson – John 20:1-18 - One account of the women's visit to the tomb and their carrying news of Jesus' resurrection to the others.

Sermon

Communion

Closing Hymn “Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” #243 New Century Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

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