

April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Greeting

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 228 - "Ruler of Life, We Crown You Now"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist #1: God is acting in our midst as we gather to celebrate good news.

Liturgist #2: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Liturgist #1: Death has no claim on those who live in Christ Jesus.

Liturgist #2: We shall not die, but we shall live and recount the deeds of God.

Liturgist #1: By God's grace Christ died for our sins and appears among us now to claim our loyalty.

Liturgist #2: Open the gates of righteousness that we may enter. God has answered us in Christ, our salvation.

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 239 - "Christ Rose Up for the Dead"

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, in whom there is no partiality, we confess that our lives are limited to those with whom we choose to associate. Our faith is restricted to what we can prove. Our service is reduced by our greater interest in the trappings of success. We have allowed religion to become a compartment in our lives, rather than leaven that influences and transforms the whole. O God, forgive our unfaithfulness and make today a time of new beginnings. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles – Acts 10:34-43

Special Music (Recorded Quartet) - "Because He Lives"

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise (Recorded Quartet) – "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Epistle Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering - NCH 237 - "In the Garden"

Gospel Lesson – John 20:1-18

Sermon

Communion

Closing Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 241 - "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

Benediction

Postlude