

# Easter Sunday Worship

March 31, 2024, 10:00 am

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

**Worship Theme:** He is Risen!

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Robert Thygerson

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Lynn Abbott

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 37 Leader  
Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pastures.

**People:** **Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:

**People:** **He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.**

Leader: Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

**People:** **For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "To God Be The Glory" UMH #98

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader  
**Most Holy Jesus - You have risen - You have risen, indeed! We have come here today to celebrate your resurrection. More than that, we desire to *participate* in your resurrection. In your divine power, free our hearts and our minds from that dark grave. Set us free from death, and into that *abundant* life that only You provide! Because you live, we also can live. *Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! Amen.***

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "On That Great, Great Mornin'" Mary McDonald

## **A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** [Isaiah 25:6–9](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Mark 16:1–8](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "Because He Lives" UMH#364

### We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

### Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

### The Offering of our Gifts

### \*Doxology

### Offering Prayer (Unison)

Heavenly Father, we pray that our offering reflects the grace of our Risen Lord. Grant that we who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection be filled with hopeful, loving and generous hearts. We offer our gifts to you in awe of the love of your Son towards us. Bless these gifts in ways beyond our imagination. May these offerings be a blessing to all who need You and a loving symbol that gives honor and glory to Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

\*Sending Hymn "Christ The Lord is Risen Today" UMH #302

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Amen Amen" TFWS #2072

Postlude

*Altar Arrangement In Joy and Celebration of Our Risen Lord!  
Alleluia!!*

**Coffee Hour Host: Rose Aiello and Lynn Abbott**

**Coming Up:**

**Apr. 7th - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am - "Jesus: Back and better-than-ever!"** 😊 Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to hear about Jesus' return from the grave to pay a visit to his beloved disciples ([John 20:19-31](#)).

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



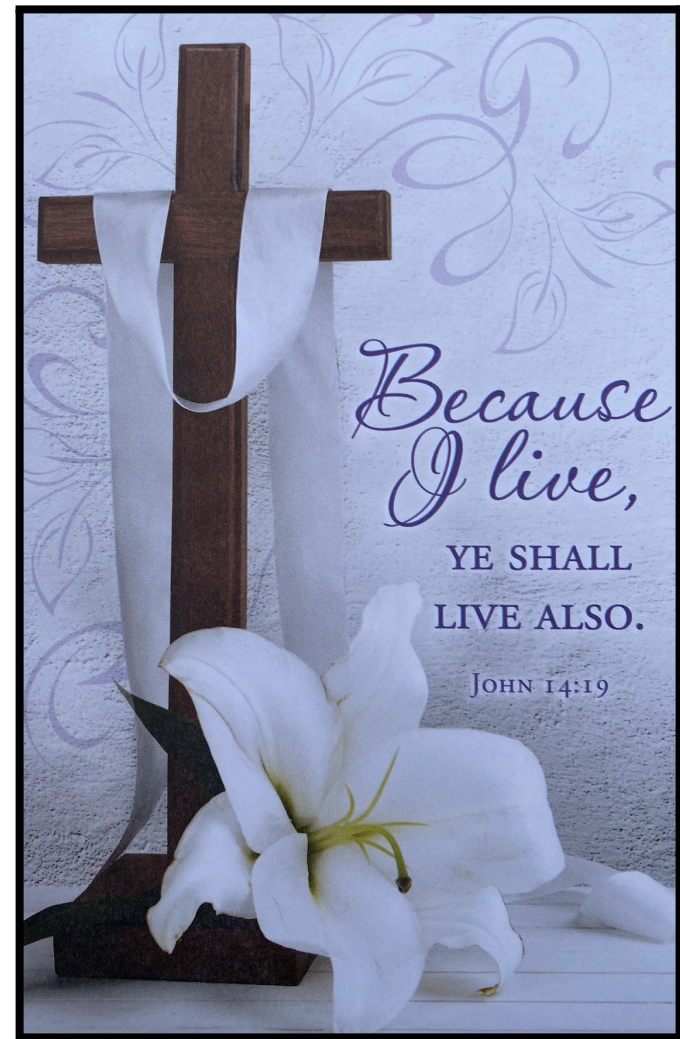
[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)  
(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdllzBucDR4YzBvdEwwSlkyQT09>

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**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**"Growing in the Body of Christ"**