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Welcome and Outreach Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

*Gathering Song

Rejoice

Come and stand before your Maker, Full of wonder, full of fear

Come behold His power and glory, Yet with confidence draw near

For the one who holds the heavens, And commands the stars above

Is the God who bends to bless us, With an unrelenting love

Refrain: Rejoice, come and lift your hands and

Raise your voice, He is worthy of our praise

Rejoice, sing of mercies of your King

And with trembling, rejoice

We are children of the promise, The beloved of the Lord

Won with everlasting kindness, Bought with sacrificial blood

Bringing reconciliation, To a world that longs to know

The affections of a Father, Who will never let them go (Refrain)

All our sickness, all our sorrows, Jesus carried up the hill

He has walked this path before us, He is walking with us still

Turning tragedy to triumph, Turning agony to praise

There is blessing in the battle, So take heart and stand amazed (Refrain)

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We expect more when you have already given enough. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

***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.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

I Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Special Music

In Christ Alone

Debbie Grubb

Scripture

John 20:19-31

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Message

Dear Future Church

Rev. Edward Dunn

*Responding Song

We Believe

**In this time of desperation, When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation, We believe, we believe
In this broken generation, When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation, We believe, we believe**

**Refrain: We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back again
We believe**

**So let our faith be more than anthems, Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations, We believe, we believe! (Refrain)**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer 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.

Receiving Our Offering

Offertory

Elenita Musgrove & Woody Johnson

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Song

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

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Christ has risen while earth slumbers;
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen and for ever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

*Blessing

Postlude