



LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

Easter Sunday  
Sunday, April 9, 2023  
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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Prelude

*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
Organ and Brass

Arr. Jeff Anderson  
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### Introit

*Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*

Arr. Donald Moore  
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### Welcome

### † Opening Hymn

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs. 1-4)*

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1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's the victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Procession of the Christ Candle (8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.)

Procession of the Flower Cross (10:00 a.m.)

### Blessing for Children

### Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.  
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

### Pastoral Prayer

### The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Prayer Response**

*Amen*

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## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

**Scripture**

Luke 24:1-12 (CEB)

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

Acts 10:34-43 (CEB)

Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Scriptural Response**

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**



**Anthem**

*Alleluia, Praise the Risen King!*

Lloyd Larson  
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**Message**

*"It's the End of the World as We Know It (and I Feel Fine)"*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Response to the Word**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Arr. Hal Hopson  
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**† Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**Prayer of Confession**

One: Christ, we come to the empty tomb, we meet our own death, we meet our own tomb, we meet our own emptiness. And we remember how we have treated other people—members of our family, friends, and neighbors.

**All: Lord, we come to your tomb, we meet a hungry world before us, the pain of starving children, the reality of war in this world, and we know that collectively, we share in those injustices.**

One: Lord, we come to the empty tomb, we search within ourselves, and we cannot escape what we are, people caught up in the pain of our own wrongdoing, for some a deep sense of loneliness and frustration of what we would be but are not.

**All: Lord, when we come to the empty tomb, we lay before you our pain, our emptiness and look to you for hope.**

One: People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead in an empty tomb? Are you afraid, are you uncertain, and are you uncomfortable here?

**All: Our wounds are deep, we have turned away from that man, we have broken with him and seek his fellowship.**

One: Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

### † Closing Hymn

*The Day of Resurrection*

Arr. Shelton Ridge Love  
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1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
"All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful! Let earth the song begin!  
The round world keep high triumph, and all therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

### † Benediction

#### Postlude

*Conzon Septimi Toni #2*  
Organ and Brass

G. Gabrieli/Arr. David Marlatt  
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### Liturgical elements from *The Abingdon Worship Annual* and *The United Methodist Hymnal*

- Liturgist:** 8:30 a.m. Don Rushing  
10 a.m. Colin & Evan Crowder
- Organist:** Jenny Lai
- Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. Beau Brandon, Dan Martin, Peter McCreight, Don Rushing  
10:00 a.m. Beau Brandon, Steve Gray, Dan Martin, Peter McCreight
- Tech Team:** AJ Prat, Cam Rhodes

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