



March 31, 2024
EASTER SUNDAY!

Brief Announcements	
Prelude	Lisa Cripe
Opening Prayer	Sally Smith
*Opening Hymn	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i> CH 216
Children's Moment	Jeff Moore
Anthem	Jesus Is Risen WGCC Choir
Scripture Reading	Mark 16:1-8 Sally Smith
Table Talk	"Too Afraid To Tell" Jeff Moore
Invitation to Discipleship	Jeff Moore
*Hymn of Invitation	<i>He Lives!</i> CH 226
Invitation to the Lord's Table	Jeff Moore
Communion Hymn	<i>Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!</i> CH 222

The Lord's Supper/Elder's Prayer	Devoree Crist
Communion Meditation Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Mission Moment	Easter Special Offering
Offering Our Gifts & Commitments Prayer over the Offering	Jeff Moore
*Doxology	
Prayers of the Community	
	<i>This morning, we are praying with and for the people and churches of Greece, and those countries under the siege of war and natural disasters</i>
	The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us
	<i>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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.</i>
*Closing Hymn	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i> CH 230
*Benediction	Jeff Moore
Postlude	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>

	*= Please stand if you are comfortably able.
	CH—Chalice Hymnal CP=Chalice Praise Hymnal AAH=African-Amer. Hymnal
Greeter(s):	Daun Hashbarger
Musicians:	Lisa Cripe, Wind of the Spirit, WGCC Choir (Robin Woodrome, director)
Prayer Composer:	Devoree Crist
Media/Streaming:	John Pahl, Andrew Damsgaard-Rodriguez

Opening Prayer March 31, 2024 Worship Easter Sunday

Mark 16:1-8

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

God of the Resurrection, God of Everlasting Life, Easter reminds us that through the Resurrection, we were all given eternal life in you. Enfold us in your Holy Spirit. Give us insight, comfort, perseverance, wholeness, and wisdom to navigate the world where hatred, violence, illness, and death are so profoundly present. It is often risky to be your healing presence in our hurting world, but we ask that you guide us in the days and weeks ahead to the places of need. It is only in you that we find a full life and the ability to stay centered and to serve. It is in you that we experience the pure joy of your constant and complete love. We proclaim that love has conquered all. Christ is risen and lives in us! Alleluia, Amen

Mark 16:1-8

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16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3** They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" **4** When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. **5** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. **6** But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." **8** So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.