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**Easter Sunrise Community Service**

**March 31, 2024**

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**NOTE: Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex for worship services.  
Please see an Usher or Greeter if needed.**

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Prelude

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor David Viles

**EASTER LITANY: Read Responsively**

P: He is Risen! Alleluia!

**C: He is Risen indeed!**

P: In the early morning, while darkness still embraced the earth,

**C: Mary Magdalene approached the tomb, her heart filled with sorrow.**

P: Behold, the stone was rolled away from the entrance,

**C: The tomb, once sealed, now stood open, a silent witness to the miraculous.**

P: The linen wrappings lay within the tomb, the head cloth neatly rolled beside them.

**C: Testimony to the absence of the body of their beloved Master.**

P: Mary, lingering outside the tomb, wept bitterly,

**C: Her tears, falling upon the earth, seeking solace in her grief.**

P: Mary, her eyes blurred with tears, turned and beheld her risen Lord,

**C: Yet, in her sorrow, she did not recognize Him standing before her.**

P: "Why do you weep?" Jesus asked, His voice tender with compassion,

**C: And with one word, "Mary," He unveiled the truth, and her eyes were opened.**

P: "Rabbouni!" Mary exclaimed, her heart ablaze with recognition,

**C: For in that moment, she knew that her Teacher, her Savior, stood alive before her.**

P: And Mary, filled with unspeakable joy, ran to proclaim the good news,

**C: "I have seen the Lord," she declared, her voice echoing through the ages.**

P: He is Risen!

**C: He is Risen indeed!**

**Greeting:**

Pastor Ed Merckel - Trinity Lutheran Church

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day:**

Pastor Ed Merckel - Trinity Lutheran Church

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Solo:** In Christ Alone - Debbi Fletcher on Guitar – Russellville United Methodist Church

## WORD

The 1st lesson is a reading from Isaiah, the 25th chapter.

Pastor: Karen Jones

United Methodist Church

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118 (Read Responsively)

Pastor: Karen Jones – United Methodist Church

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**The 2nd lesson is a reading from Acts, the 10th chapter.**

Pastor Karen Jones  
United Methodist Church

Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God 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.”

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.**

Pastor David Viles

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**An Easter Message:** Jesus Knows your Name, He Is Risen!

Pastor David Viles

**Song:** ‘Lord Where Shall We Go?’

St. Paul’s Choir

## **THANKSGIVING**

**Offering:**

Pastor Ed Merckel

We worship God by giving back a little of what he has first given us. God calls us by the Holy Spirit to care for all of God’s people and creation through these gifts. The offering today will go to the Ministerial Alliance to help those in need.

**\*(Please Stand) Offertory: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

Pastor Ed Merckel

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**C: Amen.**

**\* The Prayers of Intercession:**

Pastor David Viles

The congregation’s response to “Risen Lord.” is **“Your Mercy is Great.”**

**\*The Lord’s Prayer:**

Pastor David Viles

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## SENDING

\*Blessing: (Please Stand)

Pastor Ed Merckel

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

\*Sending Song

### Thine Is the Glory

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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939

Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Pastor David Viles

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

**Immediately following the worship service, breakfast will be served downstairs. Please use the stairs in the Narthex on the left as you exit the Sanctuary.**

Thank you to the St. Paul's volunteers who organized and prepared the breakfast.

**Worship Helpers:**

Organist / Keyboard	Zola Finch
Song Leader	Kathy Meller
Audio / Video	Dan Tschirgi
Acolyte	Lucas Plochberger
Council Member	Misty Schroeder
Greeters	David Russell and Trish Russell

**Presiding Ministers:**

Pastor David Viles (Lohman St. Paul's Lutheran Church)  
Pastor Karen Jones (Russellville United Methodist Church)  
Pastor Ed Merckel (Russellville Trinity Lutheran Church)

**Singers and Musicians**

Debbie Fletcher, Solo and guitar (United Methodist Church)  
Angelic Choir (St. Paul's Lutheran Church)



**Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!**