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Order of Worship

Easter Sunday

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SCRIPTURE – Matthew 28:1-6a — pg. 33 in NT

***OPENING HYMN #232** — “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

WELCOME

Leader: Do not be afraid: Jesus is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

***OPENING PRAYER**

CHORAL ACCLAMATION — “God's Son Has Made Me Free”

— Edvard Grieg/arr. Oscar Overby

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WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Creator, you have searched us and you know us. You hear the lies we tell. You see the selfishness we hide from the world. You watch us abuse each other and the planet. You feel our hearts hardening and refusing to forgive those who have hurt us. You see the way we take so many blessings for granted. Forgive us, Lord, of all the ways we have hurt you. Break us free from the prisons we have created, and help us turn to you in humility, and receive your good gifts of love and new life.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #578

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN #581 — Gloria

**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.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10:30 only) — “The Day of Resurrection!” — arr. Gilbert Martin

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Please join the choir on the final verse of Hymn #233 at the director's cue.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Mark 16:1-8 — pg. 54 in NT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 — pg. 176 in NT

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE — “So We Proclaim”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #251 — “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia ”**

At the director's cue, please join the choir on verses 2-5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Tammy Mitchell

OFFERING

Offertory — “Domine Deus” (from Petite Messe Solenne) — G. Rossini

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Translation: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

***Doxology — #607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise triune God, whom we adore.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #248 — “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION — “Hallelujah” — G.F. Handel**

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POSTLUDE — “Suite Médiévale: V. "Acclamations” — Jean Langlais

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Ministers: All the Members of the Congregation

Pastors:

The Rev. Sandra Stogsdill Nichols, *Pastor*
Patrick Yancey, *Commissioned Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Dr. Neil Weatherhogg, *Pastor Emeritus*

Liturgist: 8:30: Herman Jones 10:30: Bob Baer

Music Staff:

Dr. Kevin Kellim, *Director of Music*
Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans, *Organist*
Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith, *Assistant Organist*
Norma Pettijohn, *Organist Emeritus*

Soloist: Brendan Boyle

Guest Percussionist: Bob Keckeisen

Audio/Video: Treven Broxterman, Will Hartner

Assistant to the Pastors: Treven Broxterman

Director of Maintenance: Mark Ingle

Family Ministries Coordinator: Herman Jones

Office Assistant: Patty Foster

Sunday Custodian: Steve Johnson

Childcare Attendants:

Becky Foster, Samantha Edwards,
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Stephen Ministry Leaders:

John Dorsey, Jane Owen