

Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

Gathering of God's People

Choral Call to Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Rejoice and be glad in God's new creation. As in Adam all die, so in Christ all shall live.

P: SOUNDS OF WEEPING ARE CHANGED TO JOY AND CRIES OF DISTRESS ARE TURNED TO GLADNESS.

L: For God has raised Jesus from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED.

L: Let us give thanks for the mighty power God has demonstrated in raising Christ from the grave.

P: PRAISE BE TO GOD, AND TO CHRIST THE SON, OUR RISEN LORD, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO AFFIRMS OUR FAITH IN THE RISEN CHRIST.

ALL: HALLELUJAH!

+Morning Prayer

+Hymn of Praise "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

+Call to Confession

+Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, on this Resurrection Day, we come to you to confess our sins. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows: the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have gotten used to them. We confess our sins as a church. We have not loved one another as the Risen Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have been slow in giving ourselves in love and service to the world as the Risen Christ gave Himself for us. Merciful God, forgive us, we ask. Send the Holy Spirit to us, that He may give us power to live as, by Your mercy, You have called us to love. Through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Savior. (Silence) Amen.

+Assurance of Pardon

+Passing the Peace

Our Life Together

Children's Message (**Announcements**
(One Great Hour of Sharing)

Anthem: **(Choir)**

Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1st Reading: Luke 24: 1 - 12

2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15: 12 - 20

Sermon "What if Easter Didn't Exist?" Rev. Bodisco Massink

Responding in Faith

+ Hymn of Adoration

"Thine Be The Glory"

+Affirmation of Faith

+The Apostles Creed

+ Gloria Patri

Prayers of the People

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

+The Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (see Insert)

Sending Out into the World

+Hymn of Commitment

"He Arose"

Choral Benediction

Postlude

+ Please stand as you are able

+ Today we are "Live Streaming"

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story. Clip boards in Vestibule.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

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