

EASTER

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Easter

Prelude

Easter Memories

Introit

He Is Risen, with Collin Bennington and Nathan Law, handbells

Gathering— Christ is alive, moving among the living. Christ is risen, inviting us to rise in fullness of life. Christ is calling, proclaiming life and hope for all.~

A Time of Prayer—Risen Christ, enter our worship and our hearts this day. As you live and move among us, remind us to proclaim and live the life you offer. Inspire us to walk as children of your resurrection, each and every day.~

The Lord's Prayer (unison)—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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen

We Hear God's Word

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

Narrator: 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,

Reader 1: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Narrator: 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,

Reader 1: “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

Narrator: When she had said this, she turned around she saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her...

Reader 3: “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”

Narrator: Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him,

Reader 1: “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Narrator: Jesus said to her...

Reader 3: “Mary!”

Narrator: She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her,

Reader 3: “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended... But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my God and your God.’”

Narrator: Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,

Reader 1: “I have seen the Lord!”

Hymn

Christ Is Alive! 312

Meditation

Listening for Alleluia

Hymn

In the Garden, 300

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—God has gifted each of us in different ways and has done so with abundance. Today, with gratitude in our hearts, we bring to God a portion of what we have been gift that it might be used to serve and enrich God's kindom here on earth.

April Benevolence—Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries (CUE)

Doxology

We Give Thanks—We give you thanks, O God, for you are good. You have been our help and hope, calling us to be help and hope for the world. You live among us, calling us to share life and love with all creation. Bless the gifts we bring before you, that they may be signs of your life, hope, and love. Amen.~

Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, 288, with Bell Choir

Benediction—Go and proclaim the Risen Christ. Go and live as the risen children of God. Go and be Easter people— people filled with hope and life and love for all the world.~

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord is King