



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE.....Sondra Corbett
I Worship You, Almighty God

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Dillon Sirmans

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His mercy endures forever.

PEOPLE: **LET ISRAEL NOW PROCLAIM, "HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER."**

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

PEOPLE: **THERE IS A SOUND OF EXULTATION AND VICTORY IN THE TENTS OF THE RIGHTEOUS:**

Leader: "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

PEOPLE: **I SHALL NOT DIE, BUT LIVE, AND DECLARE THE WORKS OF THE LORD.**

Leader: The LORD has punished me sorely, be He did not hand me over to death.

PEOPLE: **OPEN FOR ME THE GATES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; I WILL ENTER THEM;
I WILL OFFER THANKS TO THE LORD.**

Leader: "This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter."

PEOPLE: **I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU, FOR YOU ANSWERED ME AND HAVE BECOME MY SALVATION.**

UNISON: **ON THIS DAY THE LORD HAS ACTED; WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Ivy Kelly

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 216
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We are here, Almighty God, because we have heard the Good News! Sin and death are defeated, for Christ has risen! We have come to hear the story anew to celebrate and give thanks. Allow your Holy Spirit to arise again in each of us who come to worship You this morning. Teach us of Your mighty acts, and we will celebrate with glory, honor and praise. Receive our worship, O God, we ask in the name of the Risen Savior who taught us to pray, saying, "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. 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.

*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 935).....1 Corinthians 15:1-11

ANTHEM *"Easter Medley"*

SECOND READING (pg. 882).....John 20:1-18

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.
"Who Saw The Resurrected Christ First—Who Became The First Evangelists?"

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY.....Mrs. Walter Taylor
Calvary Covers It All

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God of the Universe, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We have so many reasons to be thankful! Today, on Easter Sunday, we are particularly thankful for the gift of Your son Jesus whom You sent into this world and whom You raised from the dead after He died a truly horrible, violent, gruesome death. We are grateful to Jesus that He stayed faithful to His mission and that He did not reject the path that He was destined to go. We give thanks for His life, for His death and for His resurrection. We respond to Him through acts of discipleship and acts of worship. One aspect of our worship and of our discipleship is our stewardship and our gathering of tithes and offerings for Your ministry locally and throughout the world. We pray Your blessings upon these gifts: May they be used to make Your name known. May they be used to spread the news of Your love for us—for each and every person on this globe. Nobody is outside of the reach of Your love and Your care. Everyone is invited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the New Life that flows from His life, His death, and His resurrection into our lives. Raise our dead bones and our dead spirits, we pray! We thank You for Your faithfulness and we praise Your holy name. We are grateful to be Your disciples and we are humbled and overjoyed to be called Your friends. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528
Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 413
Take Our Bread

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Leo Gibbs

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Mary Redmon

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Don Wyrzten
Worthy Is the Lamb

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 233**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE.....Beethoven**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth remain in church

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Mary Bond, Wendy White, Pam Gibbs, Kathryn Bean



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence
in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



The Welcome Loaf

We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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