

**April 12, 2020**

**Easter Sunday**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Gathering/Welcome**

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Jaquelynn Brecht

**Call to Worship**

One: The tomb is empty.

**Many: The stone has been rolled away.**

One: Christ is risen!

**Many: He is risen indeed!**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**Special Music/Hymn**

Celebration Hymnal #357

“Christ Arose”

Low in the grave he lay - Jesus, my Savior!

Waiting the coming day - Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose,  
With mighty triumph o’er his foes.

He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed - Jesus, my Savior!  
Vainly they seal the dead - Jesus, my Lord! (Refrain)

Death cannot keep his prey - Jesus, my Savior!  
He tore the bars away - Jesus, my Lord! (Refrain)



**Opening Prayer**

Natalie Sprague

**Faith Sharing with the Children**

## **Easter Reading**

Matthew 28:1-10

Chuck Hedrick

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## **Reflecting on God's Word**

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

## **Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer**

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.

## **Special Music**

Ken Strickland

## **Announcements/Offering**

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**Closing Music**

Celebration Hymnal #358

“Because He Lives”

God sent his Son - they called him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain:

Because he lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because he lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance;  
This child can face uncertain days because he lives. (Refrain)

And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. (Refrain)

**Charge and Benediction** (Matt. 28:10, 2 Cor. 13:13) Rev. Sandra Hedrick

One: Christ is risen; do not be afraid.

**Many: Go and tell this good news to all!**

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**All: Alleluia, Amen!**



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