

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

The Prelude *Easter Fanfares* Lau

The Call to Worship

Early in the morning light,
the women went to Jesus' tomb.
The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,
for God's love is stronger than death itself.
Let us join our voices with Mary Magdalene:
"We have seen the Lord!"
Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Hymn of Praise *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* 113
(verses 1, 2, & 4)

The Prayer of Adoration

Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death, and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, Lord our Savior who has given us a new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen!

The Response Hymn 122

**Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes Where Thy body lay.**

The Special Music *In Christ Alone* Getty & Townsend

The Word of God

The Time with the Children Pastor Philomena

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

The Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8

The Sermon "Who will Roll the Stone Away?" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins, and was buried, on the third day Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus appeared first to the women at the tomb, then to Peter and the twelve disciples, and to many faithful witnesses. At last Jesus came to save us, to deliver us that we might believe and share the good news to the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ, that with believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

The Hymn *The Strife Is O'er* 119
(verses 1, 2, & 4)

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
The Prayer of Dedication

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Celebration!* Paxton



Easter Flowers



In Honor of:

My Mom, Alice Briggs
Martha Rose Reeves

In Memory of:

William & Charlotte Nickle
Alice & Reid Calcott Jr.
Ellis & Ann Ivey
Ken Moran
Bob Dice & Arlene Gulliver
Bob & Rob Rusch
Edna Clark
Heather Robertson
Family & Friends
Rev. Alice Anti-Kyei
Edward Ofori-Behome
Jack & Lucy Specht
Phil Herter
Helen, Keith & Sally Gross, David Poplewski
David Poplewski
My Dad, Frank Briggs

Given By:

Beverly Briggs
Reid Calcott

Given By

Cheryl Kelley
Red Calcott
Reid Calcott
Pam Moran
Bridget Styers
Ginny Rusch
Ann Densmore
Matthew Wilkins
Betty Miller
Rev. Philomena Ofori-Nipaah
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Fred & Genie Herter
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