

# Easter Sunrise



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**April 20, 2025**

**6:30 a.m. Worship**

**Happy Easter!**

*\*indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

Gathering Music

Casey Wood

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

*“Nicodemus, who had first come to Jesus at night, came now in broad daylight carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes. They took Jesus’ body and, following the Jewish burial custom, wrapped it in linen with the spices. There was a garden near the place he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been placed. So, because it was Sabbath preparation for the Jews and the tomb was convenient, they placed Jesus in in it.”*

*-John 19:39-42 (from “The Message”)*

**\*Call to Worship**

We gathered in the Sanctuary Friday to witness a terrible sight;  
The Savior betrayed, denied, mocked, and crucified.

**But this morning, everything is renewed!**

**Christ is not dead, but alive! Christ has Risen! Alleluia!**

Up from the grave, our Savior arose!

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**Christ the Lord is Risen, today! Let all the world rejoice!**

**Christ the Savior is here to stay! Let us praise Him!**

Remembering family and friends no longer with us, we gather  
Celebrating that Christ has conquered the grave!

**We remember the promises of New Life already fulfilled  
in those who have gone before us!**

We remember the promise that we, too, shall have New Life!

We remember and celebrate the Resurrection that is ours!

**Up from the grave He arose! Alleluia!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**“Christ Arose!”**

*(insert)*

**\*Gathering Prayer**

**God of Resurrection miracles, we have sat in the morning dew listening to this sunrise story heard on Easter morning dozens of times; yet today, we hear it anew. We open our lives to Your promises of New Life and Resurrection, made evident by the empty tomb. Create in us hearts that are receptive to the ways that You**

**are constantly recreating us; that we may be vessels of Your Salvation for the world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

Children's Time & Flowering the Cross

*As you come forward to place your flower in the cross, pause a moment at the foot of the cross to say a silent (or out loud) prayer thanking God for all of the blessings in your life. Families (whatever form the term 'family' means to you) are welcome to approach the cross together and say a communal prayer.*

Gospel Reading                      John 20:1-18                      Llona Weiss

Sermon                                      "In the Garden"                      Pastor Rick

Hymn:                                      "Morning Has Broken"                      (insert)

Invitation to Communion

Prayer; Institution; Fraction; Distribution

*EVERYONE is invited to receive communion.  
When you come forward, please bring your offering  
and drop it in the offering plates.*

Community Prayer and The 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.**

\*Parting Hymn                      "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"                      (insert)

\*Benediction

\*Response:                      "Let There be Peace on Earth"

*Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!  
With God our Creator, Children all are we!  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!  
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!  
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!*

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*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:*

*Welcoming all God's Children;*

*Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;*

*Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;*

*Building a supportive church family;*

*Transforming both the congregation and community*

*through service and outreach*



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1. Low in the grave he lay, Je-sus my Sav-ior, wait-ing the com-ing day,  
 2. Vain-ly they watch his bed, Je-sus my Sav-ior; vain-ly they seal the dead,  
 3. Death can-not keep its prey, Je-sus my Sav-ior; he tore the bars a-way,

*Refrain*

Je-sus my Lord! Up from the grave he a-rose, (he a-rose) with a

might-y tri-umph o'er his foes; he a-rose a vic-tor from the  
 (o'er his foes)

dark do-main, and he lives for-ev-er, with his saints to reign. He a-

rose! He a-rose! Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!  
 (he a-rose) (he a-rose)

## Morning Has Broken

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black - bird has  
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm GW C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931  
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57**Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.*


1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Let the Vic-tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

*The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.*

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias  
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708