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Welcome and Announcements

Pat Mesta, Lay Reader

Prelude

“Proclaim the Glory of the Lord”

Lyles & Borup

Pouring the Waters of Baptism: a reminder that we are baptized children of God.

*Call to Worship

Pat Mesta

L: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

ALL: Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

L: O, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

ALL: His steadfast love endures forever!

L: This is the day the Lord has made;

ALL: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Pat Mesta

L: The Spirit of God helps us in our times of weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God’s overflowing grace, let us confess our sin, praying first silently and then together. *(Silence)*

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: Hear the good news of God’s promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

#582

Gloria Patri, arranged by Paul M. Vasile

Prayer for Illumination

FPC Choir

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness; that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Scripture Reading:

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Pat Mesta

Special Music (FPC Choir):

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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Scripture Reading:

Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor Betsy

Sermon

“Proclaim the Resurrection!”

Pastor Betsy

The angel said to the women: “Do not be afraid... He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said.”

Moment for Meditation

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn

“The Day of Resurrection!”

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Offertory

“Love Crucified Arose”

Michael Card

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received.

March/April Dollars for Mission will support the Community Care Clinic.

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Betsy

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

(Response: “Living God, **hear our 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.

*Hymn

“Christ is Alive!”

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*Charge and Benediction

Pastor Betsy

*Postlude

“Easter Song”

Anne Herring

***Alleluia!
Christ is Risen!***

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Lael Wilson or Dixie Ramsdell, “the waters;” Jerry Blaydes, sound system;
Andrew Pickel, candle lighting.

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Easter: Resurrection of the Lord

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