

**Easter Sunday**

**March 27, 2016**

**8:30 am**

Contemporary Service of Worship

Special Music "Hallelujah" Amanda Federico  
Words, Kelley Mooney, Music, Leonard Cohen

**Praise and Worship**

Happy Day  
Because He Lives (Amen)  
Worthy is the Lamb

Dismissal with Blessing  
Closing Song My Savior Lives

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**God's Word**

Children's Sermon  
Scripture John 20:1-18  
Sermon Set Free

**Sermon Notes / Prayer Requests**

**Our Response**

Prayers (please use prayer cards to indicate thanksgivings and concerns)  
The Lord's Prayer  
Reception of New Members into the Church

**Prayer of Confession**

God of mystery, we recognize the hopes and limitations in our lives and confess to you the times when we have not followed your will. We are Easter people, living the mystery of the resurrection and transformation in our own lives. We know that all things are possible with God and look for moments of grace to make up for our own shortcomings. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

**Communion and Offering**

Communion Song Stronger

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 27, 2016

A Service of Word  
10:45 AM

*Entrance*

Prelude Fanfare Charles Callahan

Opening Prayer

**God of the empty tomb, we come into your presence looking for Jesus after his death on the cross. We find the risen Christ and are delighted and transformed. As the stone was rolled away from the tomb on the first Easter morning, may we move any obstacle in our hearts and minds to encountering you in the holy mystery we remember today. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

\*Hymn No. 302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Proclamation and Praise*

Children's Sermon

\*Scripture John 20:1-18

\*Hymn No. 315 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Sermon Set Free

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal no. 895

Reception of New Members

*Thanksgiving and Communion*

Invitation to the Offering

What can we offer in response to this amazing gift? We can offer our belief; we can offer our action; we can offer our resources and we can offer ourselves.<sup>2</sup>

Anthem An Easter Acclamation Brad Nix

Doxology 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God, we thank you for our new life in the risen Christ. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. You have built a foundation for our church, our community of faith. We offer our gifts to you today. Take them and make them opportunities for new life to grow in you. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

The Great Thanksgiving/Communion Hymnal p. 8

*Sending Forth*

\*Hymn 303 The Day of Resurrection

\*Benediction

Go forth from this place and – like Mary – share the joy of the Resurrection with everyone you encounter. Be a messenger of God's transforming love and proclaim God's vision of a new heaven and new earth. Christ is risen! Alleluia!<sup>1</sup>

Benediction Response Hallelujah! From Messiah Handel

Postlude Alleluia Charles Callahan

\*Please stand if you are able.

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<sup>2</sup>(2015-04-01). The Abingdon Worship Annual 2016 (Kindle Locations 1486-1487). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

***HELPING IN WORSHIP***

8:30 am	Liturgist	Teresa Garrett
	Greeters	Sandra Hanson, Katrina Millham
	Ushers	Pat Carroll, Ed Parker
10:45 am	Head Usher	Will Cass
	Ushers	Lynne Deverman, Joseph Norman
		Marie Sidgwick
	Acolyte	Isabella Stevens
	Liturgist	Shannon Forman

***OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY***

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***REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS***

Please pray this week for our members: Ruth Arnfield, Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Leonard Butler, Catherine Carroll, Frank Cassidy, Joan Cassidy, Sandra DeGuzman, Beverly Farwell, Irene Feller, Irene Firner, Bryan Foy, Emily Griess, Wendy Hart, Nora Hunt, Dana Jones, Danny Jones, Chelsea Kolarik, Faith Krzywicki, Jim Kyle, Jim Little, Karen MacNish, Joe Michaloski, Marge Michaloski, Yvonne Morrow, Bea Northway, Donna O'Neill, Dexter Polivika, Karla Quinlan, Grace Raunick, George Sherban, Gloria Sherban, Bob Silkworth, Hilary Stamper, Meegan Veeder-Shave.

Please keep friends of our church in your prayers: Betsy Allen, Richard Allen, David Andujar, Jay Bacchiochi, Donald Brooks, Hector Carbonaro, Bill Dale, Jordan Fidler, Gretchen Gould, Daniel Granger, Emereld Hendrickson, Doreen Hochlowski, Jason, Jean Keebler, Erica Kolbrener, Michael McKernan, Kelly O'Conner, Peter, Bill Robertson, Patricia Schmidt, Diane Shavkin, Ava Vinson, Mike Tackas, Jeffrey Wendover, Jr.

Please keep the members of our military, active and/or retired, in your prayers.

If you have a loved one or friend whose name you would like included, call the church office. (452-2933).

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