



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 17th, 2022
Easter Sunrise Service, 6:00am

Order of Worship

GREETING

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 118*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord is my strength and song.

People: God has become my salvation.

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

People: That I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected;

People: Has become the cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord's doing.

People: It is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GATHERING PRAYER *unison*

Leader: Please join me in the gathering prayer.

People: Dear God, thank you for a day of joy and gladness. Gather us together in the spirit of all your saints, past, present and to come. We are grateful to share in the gifts of our Easter faith. Bless us to see your everlasting love in all the places we go. May the signs of new life rise before us and inspire great faithfulness in us through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

HOLY SCRIPTURE Luke 24:1-12 "Jesus Is Risen"

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

EASTER PRAYERS

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray. Dear God;

People: Thank you for the rising light.

Leader: Thank you for this Easter morning.

People: How beautiful is all your creation!

Leader: How wonderful are all your creatures!

People: We pray for all in need of love today.

Leader: We pray for all the places in need of peace.

People: Make us new through your Spirit.

Leader: Show us the way to our new life.

People: Let us walk in your light always.

Leader: May each flower sing a song of celebration.

People: May Easter hope fill every heart. Amen.

PLACING FLOWERS ON THE CROSS

Music is played while all may place flowers on the Cross

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Please join me in the Lord's Prayer.

People: 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 BLESSING

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up a loving countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Happy Easter!

