

Easter Sunrise Service

April 21, 2019 at 6:45am

The Prelude

*Call To Worship #8

Rev. Weston Pendergrass

Leader: Our long journey through the darkness is over!

People: We have danced into the light of Jesus' resurrection!

Leader: No more do we need to fear!

People: No more will we feel that we are alone and lost!

Leader: Jesus lives in our hearts and our spirits!

People: Jesus calls us to be a source of hope and joy for others!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

*Hymn of Celebration

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring,

Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

The Invocation

Rev. Pendergrass

The Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 12:2-6

Rev. Pendergrass

John 20:1-18

The Sermon

Rev. Elizabeth Murray

Special Music

Easter Litany

Rev. Ken Timmerman

Leader: God, in human form you lived on the earth,

People Doing ordinary things;

Leader: But also doing extraordinary things:

People Preaching, teaching, healing, calling.

Leader: You proclaimed the Good News from a human mouth:

People The Kingdom of God is here!

Leader: Your good work and proclamation drew the attention of worldly powers

People Who perceived it as a threat,

Leader: Because it was: The kingdom of God undoes everything it touches

People And builds it again newly.

Leader: And, by the power of human sin, violence, and confusion -

People You were killed -

Leader: A fate you did not resist, but instead accepted -

People You were buried -

Leader: So that you might shame the powers, and teach them a new way:

People You were resurrected!

Leader: Hallelujah! This changes everything!

People Hallelujah!

Leader: From the enemies we love, to the suffering we accept -

People Hallelujah!

Leader: From the violence we reject, to the justice-mercy-healing work we do -

People Hallelujah!

Leader: This Way-of-God-come-down-to-earth completely rearranges our perspective!

People Hallelujah!

Leader: For Christ has torn the temple down

People And rebuilt it.

Leader: The Way of God came down.

People The Way of God lives on in us.

*Hymn of Praise

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

*The Benediction

Rev. Murray

*The Postlude