



Easter Sunday

Tabernacle United Methodist Church



PRELUDE

Prelude - "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J.S. Bach

Special thanks to Mary Lou Moratori for helping with our service today!

WELCOME

A SONG FOR WALKING

Hymn of Promise (#707) by "Decadian"

In the bulb, there is a flower

In the seed, an apple tree

In cocoons, a hidden promise

Butterflies will soon be free

In the cold and snow of winter

There's a spring that waits to be

Unrevealed until its season

Something God alone can see

There's a song in every silence

Seeking word and melody

There's a dawn in every darkness

Bringing hope to you and me

From the past will come the future

What it holds, a mystery

Unrevealed until its season

Something God alone can see

CALL TO WORSHIP

Death is usually silent.

All: Empty chairs, rooms without new morning clutter...

Who among us has not stood at the edge of a coffin?

All: Death is usually silent.

When Mary, Mary, and Salome arrived to care for his broken body, they expected silence.

All: Don't be afraid!

Is the message they heard.

All: He is not here.

Don't be alarmed.

All: He is risen.

What?

All: He is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed!

MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (#302)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

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

Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!

Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tabernacle Chancel Choir

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

Words by William M. James & Music by Henry T. Smart as found in the United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYERS OF GROWTH & RENEWAL

All: Gracious God, we yearn for the spiritual safety of a relationship so secure that we can say anything and know that you will still love us. Open the eyes of our hearts so that we can find refuge in the story of your love, boldly acknowledge our growing, sometimes broken, edges, and trust your guidance.

(Personal Prayer Time)

Hear the Good News: You have announced that you will love us no matter what, bless us even when we make mistakes, and stand waiting for us to open our hearts and return when we've been away. What needs to be forgiven, let it be forgiven. Let us claim our wholeness through the work of God's love. May the peace of Christ be with you!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Ongoing Prayers:

Matt, Lou A, Deb B, Jeff C, Richard C, Andy C, Linda G, David G, Barbara H, Danielle K, Tiernan K, Evy S, Cindy S, Sharon & Ron Q, Joe

This Week's Requests:

Tara – for safe and fun travels and literary adventures with Henry.

Rebecca – I would appreciate prayers for my Family as we lost our dear Stepmother Deborah S. Bundy unexpectedly. She was 74.

Surely the Presence

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Disciples' Prayer Remix

Mother of us all,
who dwells within and beyond,
Sacred is your name.
May your holy vision for collective flourishing
come to fruition among us.
May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection be enfolded on earth.
Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart.
Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us.
Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil.
For you are the ultimate source of hope.
Your power-with exceeds all power-over.
Your presence incites eternal wonder.
All praise to you, our comfort and strength. Amen.

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A CELEBRATION OF GIVING

MESSAGE "Welcoming Heaven's Occupation"
Rev. Harold Wheat

SINGING (HUMMING) OUR FAITH

Hymn of Promise (#707) vs 3

In our end is our beginning

In our time, infinity

In our doubt, there is believing

In our life, eternity

In our death, a resurrection

At the last, a victory

Unrevealed until its season

Something God alone can see

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude - "Hornpipe" by G.F. Handel