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Easter Season Bulletin

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**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Now is Christ Risen from the dead,

and become the first fruits of them that slept!

Break forth in joy, sing together,

for God has comforted those whose hearts were broken in sorrow.

Since by human sin came death,

So by human faithfulness came the resurrection of the dead.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*God of all beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our
praise to you. Let every breath be a witness to your Spirit, dwelling*

within and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving gifts.

Loosen our tongues to speak of your unsurpassed greatness. May

the sounds of our celebration testify to the joy that is ours in

serving you in Christ's name. Amen

***HYMN OF GATHERING**

(see insert)

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*God of our ancestors, how easily we have made you a relic of the
past. We act as if you were unreal or irrelevant. By our inattention,
we have rejected you and the one you sent to teach us. We are ruled
more by fears than by faith, by hostility more than peace, by a sense*

*of failure more than by assurances of grace. Forgive our misuse of
the precious days you have entrusted to us. Help us to see the signs
of your presence and witness with joy to you, our Risen Savior.*

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*In Christ we are loved and forgiven. Let us respond with praise and
thanksgiving!*

Thanks be to God!

***A Gloria**

From all that dwells below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung,

Let God the Spirit loose each tongue!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

(see insert)

SERMON

HYMN

(see insert)

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever Amen.*

Prayer Response

***DOXOLOGY/PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. (sung to the tune of Old 100th)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

With gratitude for all that you provide, dear God, and to the service of the world you love so much, we dedicate these gifts and our lives to you, in Jesus name. Amen

COMMUNION

(1st Sunday of the Month)

***CLOSING HYMN**

(see insert)

***BENEDICTION**

Sung Response

(from Hymn #238 Black Hymnal)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain; Wheat that in dark earth for many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that rises green.

POSTLUDE

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

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