

Sunday, March 31, 2024,  
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome  
Family Life and Work  
Family Celebrations  
Lighting of the Christ Candle:  
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: This Day God Gives Me

VU 410 vs 1

- 1 This day God gives me strength of high heaven,  
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,  
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,  
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.**

Call to Worship:

The world is full of turmoil and unrest.

**He is risen!**

We want to help, but we don't know where to start.

**Take heart, he has overcome the world!**

You prayed for the unity of you church, but we are not unified.

**He is risen!**

We long to be a vibrant, healing community of faith.

**He who began a good work in you is faithful to complete it.**

My heart is full of turmoil and unrest.

**He is risen!**

I need your power inside of me.

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

He is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

VU 155

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!**
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!  
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!  
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!**

**3 But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!  
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!**

**4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!  
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!**

Children's Time: Rolled Away!

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11

Second Reading: Mark 16: 1 - 8

We Listen

Gradual Hymn: The Day of Resurrection

VU 164

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**
- 2 Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright  
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain  
Christ's own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise  
the victor strain.**
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph, and all that  
is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen their notes  
of gladness blend,  
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.**

Meditation: "Getting Sorted"

Musical Offering: We've Come This Far By Faith

Mark Hayes

We Respond

Offertory: Give Thanks

**Give thanks, with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks, to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.  
And now let the weak say, I am strong.  
Let the poor say, I am rich because of what  
The Lord has done for us.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayer of People

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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 trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Thine Is the Glory

VU 173

**1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. R**

**3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. R**

Benedictions and Commissioning

**May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen us in hope, enrich us with his love, and fill us with joy in the faith.**

Choral Benediction: This Day God Gives Me

VU 410 vs 2 & 4

- 2 This day God sends me strength to sustain me,  
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,  
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.**
- 4 Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,  
King of creation, giver of rest,  
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,  
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.**