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The cancellation of worship services and gatherings has been extended for two more weeks. The plan of Church Council is to meet every two weeks and assess the situation so as to make decisions about worship and gatherings in two weeks at a time. This way, we feel we can be responsive to the ever-evolving reality.

### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 12, 2020

The regular Worship Service has been cancelled.  
Pastor Fran will provide an Online Worship Service, available  
on our Facebook page and web-site starting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

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#### Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in  
body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles.

## Easter Sunday April 12, 2020

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.  
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with  
the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font,  
and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty,  
and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our  
Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. <sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup>the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. <sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.**  
<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."  
<sup>14</sup>**The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.**  
<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"  
<sup>16</sup>**The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**  
<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup>**The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.**  
<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.  
<sup>20</sup>**"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."**  
<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup>**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**  
<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup>**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## MEDITATION

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW# 364 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## OFFERING PRAYER

We pray for gifts that have been given and will be given in the coming week to continue the ministry of the church.

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need, praying Lord in your mercy, and responding **hear our prayer.**

### *A brief silence*

God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders. Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All your creation praises you—the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear and blend our voices in the song.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence **Millie, Kendrah, Fred, Ernie, Sam, Barb, Arwyn, Rose, Jean, Donald and family, Thelma, Fred, Chad, Richard, Dorothy, Audrey, Alice, Agnes, and Abe.** Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the creative and helpful service of worship leaders this day: musicians, ushers, greeters, worship assistants, preachers, readers, and all others who provide welcome and hospitality in our midst. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died. Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Sung Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG ELW #869 "We Have Seen the Lord"**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen, just as the women said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**