

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

PRELUDE

GREETING (SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13)

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC AVE VERUM CORPUS, w/m by Mozart, Community Choir

✦ **THE GREAT EASTER PROCLAMATION** (LUKE 24:34)

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✦ **SONG OF JOY** HYMN # 288 – CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

✦ **PASSING OF THE PEACE** “May the joy of Christ be with you....And, also with you”
At this time, the congregation may greet each other and exchange signs of peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING JOHN 20:1-10 Sherri Burks

Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written,
in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Message. Afterwards, there will be no children's chapel today so that everyone can stay together as a family on Easter Sunday.

✦ **SONG OF HOPE** IN CHRIST ALONE, by Getty and Townend

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (BASED ON 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-7, 17-22) Lyn Palmer

Leader: This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to more than 500 people.

Leader: If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

People: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

✦ **SONG OF FAITH** HE WILL HOLD ME FAST, by Habershon and Merker

SCRIPTURE READING JOHN 20:11-18

SERIES: ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST

SERMON “MARY MAGDALENE” The Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING SONG ABIDE WITH ME, w/m by Maher, Crowder, Ingram, and Redman

In response to God's love, we are invited to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. You may also choose to indicate your presence by placing a blue connect card in the offering plate.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦ **SONG OF DEDICATION** HYMN # 317 – CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS, verses 1-3

✦ **CHARGE AND BLESSING** (HEBREWS 13:20-21)

✦ **GRATEFUL RESPONSE** HYMN # 317 – CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS, verse 4

✦ **POSTLUDE**

✦ *Those who are able, are invited to stand.*