

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lucas Howard

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: Christ has risen indeed!

Leader: God is alive...

People: New birth is given...

Leader: Hope is alive...

People: A new age is dawning.

Leader: Joy is alive...

People: Redemption is here.

Leader: Love is alive...

People: Death cannot harm us.

Leader: We are alive...

People: New life is within us.

Leader: The church is alive...

People: God's Spirit is within us!

All: **God of life, we worship you. God of creation, we praise you. God of Revelation, we learn from you. God of resurrection, we are here to celebrate you.**

***UNISON PRAYER**

Lucas Howard

O God, this past week has been one of mixed emotions; of faith struggling to understand. We have greeted you with palm branches; we have sat at table with you to share a farewell meal. We have witnessed your death on a simple wooden cross. Yet on the third day, you come to us again in victory. By this, we know that death is not the final word. As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, rise in our lives this Easter morning, for you are our hope, our life, and our joy.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Lucas Howard

***HYMN**

"Because He Lives"

UMH #364

AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hunter Lee

All: We believe in a word that forms on the lips of the creator and echos in our souls: a word that is LOVE.

Men: We believe in a word that breaks the silence of evil and disturbs the noise of ignorance: a word that is LOVE.

Women: We believe in a word that brings life out of death, and laughter with the morning: a word that is LOVE.

Men: We believe in a word that tears up the darkness, flooding it with light: a word that is LOVE.

Women: We believe in a word that speaks to all loneliness with selfless compassion and care: a word that is LOVE.

All: We believe in a word that speaks to our futures, calling us by name, to trust anew, and believe once more in a word called LOVE!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Zoe Scrobeck & Hannah Peshel

JOYS, CONCERNS & GOD MOMENTS

Gavin Merkel

SILENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gavin Merkel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gavin Merkel

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. Amen

*HYMN "Up From the Grave He Arose" UMH #322

THE EASTER STORY Zoe Scrabeck & Hannah Peshel
"The Day God Grew" (John 20:1-18)

OFFERTORY Cindy Seabright & Suz Eberle
Easter version of "Hallelujah"

*HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH #302

*BENEDICTION Hunter Lee

Leader: Now that you have heard the good news what will you do?

People: We will go out into the world, showing by our lives that Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Praise God! And how will you do this?

People: We will tell the story of God's love for the world in Jesus Christ, and we will continue Christ's loving acts among humanity.

All: Alleluia! Praise God! Christ is risen indeed! Amen!

Confirmation Class: Isaac Atwood, Lucas Howard, Hunter Lee, Gavin Merkel, Hannah Peshel, Zoe Scrabeck (Corinna Wiemerslage who sometimes attends just for the fun of it!)

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Easter Sunday

7:00 A.M. April 1, 2018



**Confirmation Class of Faith and Cherry
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