

## Welcome

### Opening Hymn - I danced in the morning (Lord of the Dance)

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

#### Refrain

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;**

**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

**And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,**

**And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came to me and the dance went on.

#### Refrain

3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
And they left me there on a cross to die.

#### Refrain

4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.

#### Refrain

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

#### Refrain

### Responsive Call to Worship – see Easter Handout

### Hymn #260 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

#### Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. Refrain

2. Spread the good news o'er All the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain

3. We have been crucified with Christ

Now we shall live forever. Refrain

4. Come, let us praise the Living God,

Joyfully sing to our Saviour. Refrain

### Gathering Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

#### Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18 (MSG) - Resurrection!

This is the Word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**

### Meditation: In a Garden of New Life

#### Hymn: Amazing Grace/My Chains are gone

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, Amazing grace  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, Amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

#### **Unison Closing Prayer**

**Lord; we have so much to be thankful for this Easter morning. In the chill of the morning air, we do feel the warm blessing of your Spirit. We can rejoice this day because our tendency toward disbelief is overcome by our capacity for faith. We are truly amazed that a cross of crucifixion has been transformed into a symbol of new life; a symbol of eternal life. We are thankful that you come to greet us in a garden of hope, trust, and faith. We thank you that a dark and empty tomb has emerged into a garden of Light and living. In all our days, we shall live for Christ, the resurrected and risen Saviour. Amen.**

#### **Hymn: He Lives**

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need Him He's always near  
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart

In all the world around me I see His loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing will come at last  
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find  
None other is so loving, so good and kind  
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart  
**Benediction.** . . . . *And all God's people say,*  
**Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Amen!**

#### **Announcements**

Please join us downstairs for breakfast & an egg surprise.

Robert will be on vacation from Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and returning Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. For Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Peggy Kinsman. (226) 422-2224.

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