



+ *Those who are able are invited to stand.*
You are invited to respond with the **Bold** responses.

MOMENTS OF CENTERING

Alleluia God of endless life, in the light of this new day we see the dawning of your new creation. Give us wonder and delight to enjoy this day that you have made. Alleluia, again! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of the Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you on this day of Resurrection Celebration, and forever, through Christ, our risen Easter Savior. Amen.

Christ is Risen! Welcome to Worship!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Renee Warner*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE *Dan Martin*

SERVICE OF *LIGHT* *The Acolytes*
Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world.”

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*
God is good!
All the time!
And all the time!
God is good!
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

Let all the people proclaim,
“God’s steadfast love endures forever!”
God’s steadfast love endures forever!
The Lord is my strength, my song, and my salvation!
Shouts of joy resound in the tents of the righteous!
God’s steadfast love endures forever!
The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!
We will not die but live.
We will proclaim what the Lord has done.
We enter the gates of the Lord and give thanks,
for this is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

+INVOCATION *Unison*
**Holy and Living God, like a tomb’s darkness
that gives way to light, open us this day to
newness of life; open us to your love, to your
acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace;
open us to one another, and to the possibilities
you have in store for us. Give us hope for the
future and a passion for life here and now.**
**We pray in the name of the One who destroyed
death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *UMH 327*
Crown Him with Many Crowns

THE CHURCH AFFIRMS ITS FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Responsively*
This is the good news which we have received, in
which we stand, and by which we are saved:
**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 many
faithful witnesses.**
**We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of
God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn
from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in
whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by
the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by
the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.
Amen.**

RESPONSE *UMH 70*
Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen.**

THE CHURCH SHARES ITS BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Dan Martin*

+DOXOLOGY *UMH 94*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus
Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit,
Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

+THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO WIGGLETIME *UMH 261*
Lord of the Dance, v. 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.**
**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.**

WIGGLETIME

CHILDRENS’ MUSIC

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC *Eva Atha, Renee Warner*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Responsively*

Living God, hear our prayer:
Make of this world your new creation!

Before we call, you answer, O Lord.
Before we speak, you know our words.

Let there be joy in Jerusalem,
and peace among all nations.

Let sounds of weeping and cries of distress
Turn to shouts of joy and laughter.

Let infants grow and thrive.
Let the old dance like children.

Let every person find a home
and enjoy the fruit of their labor.

Let the wolf and the lamb live in peace.
Let no one hurt or destroy another.

Show us, O God, the holy mountain you have
prepared, the new heaven and new earth you have
promised, so that we may be glad and rejoice in your
presence forever; through Jesus Christ, our risen
Lord, and in whose name we pray...

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, forever. Amen.**

THE WORD IN MUSIC *Chancel Choir*

SERMON *Rev. M. Steven Meadows*

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION *UMH 302*
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, vv. 1, 2, 3 & 5

+SERVICE OF *LIGHT* *The Acolytes*
Jesus said, “You are the Light of the world.”

+COMMISSION AND BLESSING *Responsively*
Those who came to mourn found an empty tomb.
Those who came weeping left dancing for joy.
Go in peace for you have found life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Alleluia!
Glory be to God the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!
“Christ the Lord is risen today!”
Alleluia! Amen.

+POSTLUDE *Dan Martin*

...and the worship continues.

