EASTER SUNDAY
The Resurrection of Our Lord
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

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Prelude
Introit (11:15 a.m.)
Jubilance
by Linda Spevacek; Village Voices
The Easter Proclamation

*Hymn, No. 232
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Faith Sharing with Children

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Anthem
Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal
by Alice Parker; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

*Response of Praise

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 231
Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers
SUO GAN

Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!
Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation can’t be silenced by the tomb.
Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are muddled or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

Offertory
I Got Me Flowers
music: Ralph Vaughan Williams; Village Brass

*Response
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

We are Easter people!
We believe in this brand new morning,
when creation dances and Jesus’ promises ring true.
We trust that through your grace,
even the smallest act of kindness
and every act of generosity
can have significance beyond all expectation.
With that faith, we give freely and joyfully.
Gracious God, take what we have to offer
and use it so that it might be a blessing,
bearing witness to the truth of resurrection.
Help these gifts proclaim the beauty, wonder, and awe of this day.
Amen.

Scripture Reading
John 20:1-18 (p. 988)

Sermon
Resurrection Calls You By Name
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

*Assurance of God’s Grace
Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.  

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.  

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.  

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

**Hymn No. 268**  
*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
DIADAMATA

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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

April 1, 2018  •  8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.

We welcome you to this joyous celebration  
and invite you to join us every Sunday.  
Regular worship times are 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
and The Gathering at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

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**UPCOMING SERMON SERIES**

**Curate Your Heart**

Some have said we are defined by our work. Some have said we are what we eat. At the deepest level, we are what we love. We can love all manner of things. We love our families and we love vacation. We love our country and we can love good coffee. It seems that love just happens, that love is something into which we fall. But love is also chosen. It is important to ask ourselves if we love the right things. In this sermon series, we will explore how following the life of Christ is a practice of training our hearts to want what God wants, to love the right things. If we are what we love, then curating our hearts is important work.

- April 8  What Do You Want?  
- April 15  What Do You Want?  
- April 22  This Is Not the Time for Trivia  
- April 29  We Are Part of a Long Amazing Story  
- May 6   It’s Not Always About Bliss  
- May 13  It’s Not Always About Me—Even When It Is  
- May 20  Love Is Not the Only Thing  
- May 27  Do You Have Time, or Does Time Have You?

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**FLOWERING OF THE CROSS**

We invite you to flower the cross with your family to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Crosses are outside at the north entrance to the Welcome Center and the south entrance.

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**Village Brass**

Trumpets: Stan Chappell, Brian Fitzsimmons, Chris Kohl, Daniel Kreienheder,  
Matthew LaMar, Mark McDonald

Horns: Lauren Beck, Lindsey Blackburn, Kirk Rush, Lisa Rush

Trombones: Dave Groebe, Kerry Kinkelaa, John Porter

Baritone: Freddy Morado

Tuba: Michael Hegge

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**Hallelujah Chorus**

G.F. Handel; Village Choir

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