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Gathering Music

Greeting and Announcements

Transition to Worship

Prelude

“Rejoice! He is Risen”
Cantabellé Ringers, Directed by Dennis Dell

Cathy Moklebust

****Call to Worship**

Leader: The sun had just soared over the horizon as Jesus’ friends hurried to his grave. They were going to anoint his body, all that was left of their loved one, with spices.

All: “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?” they asked each other.

Leader: Their questions were just beginning.

All: Where did the body go? How does one rise from the dead? How does death conquer life? How could life conquer death?

Leader: An angel answered—at least some of their questions. They ran from the tomb—silent, shaking, and astonished.

All: They were a fearful bunch. How could the good news reach the world? What did such good news mean?

Leader: Come, disciples of Christ, together let us worship our God who resurrects us.

Prayer of Invocation

Praise be to God, the source of all life! We were given new birth and new hope when Christ rose from the dead. Such riches can never spoil or fade or perish. We delight in the knowledge that the same power that raised Christ from the dead lives in us. We rejoice and invite God’s Spirit into our midst—to comfort, heal, and transform us. Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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Choral Anthem

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*arr. Larry Shackley***Scripture Reading***Mark 16:1-8 NRSV*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might come and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone from the entrance of the tomb for us?” And looking up, they noticed that the stone had been rolled away; for it was extremely large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. But he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; see, here is the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.’” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Sermon*“The Way of Salvation”*****Hymn of Reflection**

“Christ Rose Up from the Dead”

NCH #239

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead, Christ rose,
a - rose a - rose, a - rose,

Christ rose, Christ rose from the dead, Christ rose Christ rose,
a - rose a - rose, a - rose,

Last time, end
Christ rose up from the dead, and God's grace will bear my spir - it home.

1 They cru - ci - fied my Sav - ior up - on a com - mon cross, they
2 And Jo - seph begged his bod - y, and laid it in the tomb, and
3 An an - gel came from heav - en and rolled a - way the stone, an
4 Oh, Mar - y, she came run - ning and found an emp - ty tomb, oh,

cru - ci - fied my Sav - ior up - on a com - mon cross, They
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 an - gel came from heav - en and rolled a - way the stone, An
 Mar - y, she came run - ning and found an emp - ty tomb, Oh,

cru - ci - fied my Sav - ior up - on a com - mon cross,
 Jo - seph begged his bod - y, and laid it in the tomb,
 an - gel came from heav - en and rolled a - way the stone,
 Mar - y, she came run - ning and found an emp - ty tomb,

(1-4) and God's grace will bear my spir - it home. *to Refrain*

This jubilee song, collected by K. D. Reddick and arranged by Phil V. S. Lindsley, appeared around 1918 in shape note style in a collection titled The National Jubilee Melodies, published by the National Baptist Publishing Board.

Tune: ASCENSUS 7.6.7.6.7.6.9. with refrain
 African-American traditional
 Arr. Phil V. S. Lindsley, 20th century

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Spoken Prayer and 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Disciples of Christ, we worship a risen Savior! Death has been swallowed up by the victory of Jesus Christ. Life is continually given to us in abundance. This morning, tomorrow, and the next day, let us share generously of our time, talents, and treasures.

**All: “A generous soul will prosper, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”
Proverbs 11:25**

Offertory

“Worship God with Music”
Chancel Choir with James Gilbert on trumpet

Nathalie Sleeth

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****Presentation and Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

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****Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, receive these gifts we return to you. We rejoice that you are our source of life! We delight in the new birth and new hope you gave us when Christ rose from the dead. Such riches can never spoil or fade or perish. May the same power that raised Christ from the dead manifest the kingdom of heaven in our midst. Thank you for giving us your realm of love and fearlessness. Help us humbly receive it. Amen.

Communion

Welcome to the Table

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Receive Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Unison

Holy One, thank you for this feast at your table. As we received bread and cup, may we encounter your grace and be filled with your love. May we go forward from this table with great joy, ever seeking your resurrecting presence among us and discerning your call for us to be present for our neighbors in the world. By your spirit, we pray.

**Closing Hymn

“He Lives”

UMH #310

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
3. Re - joyce, re - joyce, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say.
and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

Refrain

He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Je - sus lives to - day!

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) sal - va - tion to im - part!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.

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 MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

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