

**\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE**     *How Can I Keep from Singing?*     arr. Ellingboe

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? What though the tempest around me roar, I hear the truth; it liveth. What though the darkness around me close, songs in the night it giveth.



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**Ann Bowers and Maria Ragland, Bill Humphries and Bill Means**

**Coffee and Conversation Host: Gail Kitchens**

**Counters: Richard Brownlee, Lynsley Tyler, and Emilie Paille**

**Infant Nursery: Amy Jensen**

**Two's Nursery: Jo Ann Bertrand**

**Three's Nursery: Kyra Hall**

**Preschool Program Volunteers: Shari Tant, Mary Chapman**

**Children's Worship Volunteers: Mark and Diana Cochran**

**Fellowship: Congregational Nurture Committee**

**Staff**

- Joanna M. Adams.....Pastor
- Christopher Henry .....Associate Pastor
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- Walter Huff.....Organist/Choirmaster
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**WORSHIP    APRIL 12, 2009**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

**THE PRELUDE**

Walter Huff

**\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joanna Adams

Leader: This is the good news: the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the good news: the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the good news: once we were no people, now we are God's people.

**All:     Alleluia! Amen.**

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123**     *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Mighty God, by your power Christ is raised from death to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not always believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. True joy has no home in our hearts, and our gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free to delight in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and who will put down every power to hurt or destroy when your promised kingdom comes. Grant us to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*\* (The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 119)

**The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won.  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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**THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome this child into Christ's church. We are the family of God for we are all one in Christ.**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Fishel

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 98

(page 521 in the pew Bible)

**THE ANTHEM**

*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place (from A German Requiem)* Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. O blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore!

**THE SECOND LESSON**

Mark 16:1-8

(page 51 in the pew Bible)

**THE SERMON**

“Missing Easter”

Christopher Henry

*But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;  
there you will see him, just as he told you. Mark 16:7*

**\* THE HYMN 115**

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the  
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion  
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Hallelujah (from Christ on the Mount of Olives)*

Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God's almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim His grace and glory. Hallelujah!

**\* THE RESPONSE AND PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

(Hymn 150)

**Praise yet our Christ again. Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain. Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"**

**\* THE HYMN 118**

*The Day of Resurrection!*