



**March 31, 2024**  
**EASTER**

**Note: Bold type everyone says together.**  
**\*indicates to stand as you are able**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Prelude** *Mansion Over the Hilltop* arranged by Steven Tedesco Denise Jung, piano

**Welcome**

**\*Hymn** VU 155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

**Easter Proclamation** (*adapted from a Jeanyne Slettom liturgy made available through Process & Faith, a program of the Center for Process Studies*)

**Unison Response: Hallelujah, Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed!**

**Music Ministry** *When It Was Yet Dark* by Stephen Hatfield Senior Choir  
Carolyn Hoskin, solo

**GOD GATHERS US**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

O Day of Resurrection, let us rejoice greatly!

**Christ has led us from death to life.**

O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

**Christ has led us from earth to heaven.**

Christ has risen from the dead.

**He has risen indeed.**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

**Hallelujah, this day and always!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn** VU 173 Thine is the Glory (youth come forward during the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse)

**Youth Connection** The Joy of Easter

**Hymn** VU 173 Thine is the Glory verse 3

## LISTENING TO GOD

- Reading** Acts 10: 34-43 Read by James Hibbard
- Music Ministry** *Love Brought Me Back* by Mark Miller Senior Choir
- Gospel Reading** John 20: 1-18 Read by Ruthanne McLagan and James Hibbard
- Message** Indeed, there is Good News!

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

**Offering** – Invitation

**\*Offering Hymn** VU 543 We Give Thee but Thine Own verse 1

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Generous God, this day we recognize how much you have given us in Christ Jesus, and what that gift has cost. Bless these gifts that we give through PAR, envelope givings, time and talent so they may offer the hope and joy we feel today to the world you love so dearly. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Prayers That Unite Our Hearts** followed by **the Prayer that Jesus taught us**

Led by Ruthanne McLagan The response to today's prayers:

Today, let us rejoice and be glad.

**Christ, you answered our prayers by setting us free.**

**The Life and Work of Calvary**

**Minute for Right Relations**

Bill Butt

**\*Hymn** VU 211 Crown Him with Many Crowns

## GOING FORTH

**\*Responsive Commissioning** (adapted from Acts 10: 39-43 written by Amy Loving)

Let us live into the Good News that we have received and proclaimed this day–

**Christ was raised on the third day, just as it was promised!**

We are witnesses to this Good News,

and God commands that we do not keep this news to ourselves!

**We will testify to all that Christ is our Saviour!**

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Choral Blessing** VU 958 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah – Sing 2x

**Postlude** *Voluntary in C* by GF Handel

Denise Jung, organ