

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SOUNDING THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Easter morning, we praise God who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

On this Easter morning, we praise God who gathers up the fragments left by human destruction and creates new possibilities.

Praise God, who takes us by the hand that we may rise with him.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

*OPENING HYMN *Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day* #241 NCH

*GATHERING PRAYER with WORDS OF CONFESSION

(adapted from Psalm 18)

**Give thanks to the Holy One, who is good
whose mercy endures forever.**

Listen! Songs of Joy!

I have been astray and missing the mark

But I did not die of it—Here I am!

Open the gates of prayer for me.

Let me enter and give thanks.

On this day God has acted

I rejoice and am glad

I give thanks to God who is good—

whose mercy endures forever.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PRAYER RESPONSE

*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.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18 The Resurrection of Jesus

SERMON & STORY “This Is So Good!”

*HYMN OF REFLECTION *I Come to the Garden Alone* #237 NCH

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE MORNING OFFERING

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept the gifts of our lives and hearts this Easter Day, O God. May the driving power of new life, through the grace of Jesus Christ, be known through the generosity which supports the outreach and service of this family of your people. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #233 NCH

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand if you are able.*

We remember in our prayers: Tom Boudin, Margaret Ellsworth, Richard McEachern, Poppy Truchon, Marsha Potter, Marie Cooper's brother Mal Lux, Rev. Char's mother Cora, Rose Young, Ron Leeman, Amy Poole, Joe Dee, Kathleen Grigg, George & Pat Greene, Jeff & Jeanne Sewall, Carol & Eric Johnsen, the Betancourt family, and our neighbors at the Edgecomb Green.

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"God is still speaking"



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