

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns
~Aldersgate Ringers~

Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Ranson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

UMH #302

***OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, In thy hand, we see the whole cosmos, Heaven and earth reflect the mystery of thy handiwork. In thy hand, we see a little child, Men and women are recaptured by the event of Bethlehem. In thy hand, we see the scar of the cross. Sin and death are vanquished by thy suffering on Golgotha. In thy hand, behold a new light, Day and night are transformed in the glory of Easter morning.

Written by Masao, Fumiko, Makoto, and Yukako in Takenaka, Japan.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Butch Dalton

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“What Mt Vernon UMC Means to Me”
Mrs. Joyce Underwood

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Joyful Praise”
Aldersgate Ringers

Geshke

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

The End of the Beginning

Rev. Penny G Rasnake

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Holy Communion

UMH #12-14

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Day of Joy

James Denton

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***CLOSING HYMN**

“He Lives”

UMH #310

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Go now in the blessing of God, who meets death with life, hatred with love, and hopeless endings with abundant possibilities, to build a community of life, love, and flourishing as Easter people, followers of the Risen Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

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POSTLUDE

Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia!

E. Broughton

**Please stand as you are able*

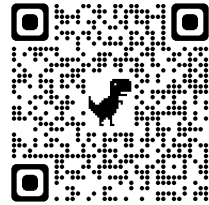
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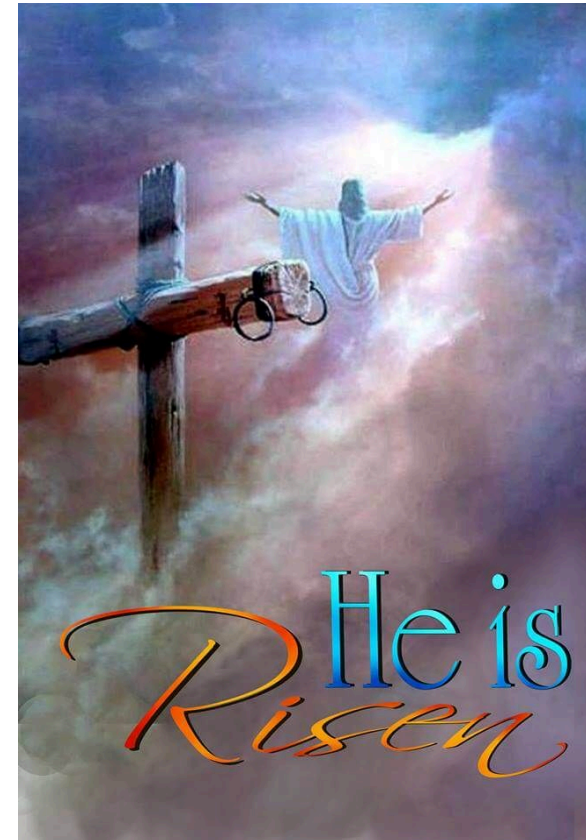
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