



## In Preparation for Worship

“We want closure; we want an ending that ties up the loose ends in the story and brings it to a satisfying conclusion. Most of all, we want a happy ending. Though we can and must do our best to work for good, ultimately, a satisfying ending can only come from outside ourselves. Finally, our hope is that God will bring to completion the redemptive, reconciling work already begun in Jesus Christ, as God has promised.”

– Elisabeth Johnson, Working Preacher

## Welcome and Announcements

*At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshipping online with us by sharing your name in the “comments” on our live feed.*

## Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
People: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## Special Music

Morning Has Broken

Lindsey Sanders

## Prayer for the Day

Gracious God, who continues to faithfully work for good in this world, we repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again! We are grateful that the news of your victory over death is so startling, so amazing, so different from the news that bombards us day by day.

Beyond our comprehension, you astonish us again and again with resurrection life, bringing grace and hope and joy. In your risen power, Jesus, shape our hearts and our minds, transform our days ahead so that our lives may praise you! Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Mark 16: 1-8

## Meditation

There You Will See Him

Shannon Dill

## Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also “Text to Give” to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

## Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and  
blessing the children,  
healing the sick and  
binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners, and  
calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead, (continued...)**

vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People and The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **Charge and Benediction**