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In Preparation for Worship

"In the haze of grief, Mary can only see what is right before her—or in this case, what is not before her. It is only when Jesus calls her by name that the veil is lifted and she beholds the resurrected Christ." - From A Sanctified Art

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: What are you looking for?
People: The light before dawn.
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Leader: Who are you looking for?

People: The risen savior.

ALL: And here we have found good news! Christ is risen!

Hymn* 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Prayer for the Day

Almighty God,

As morning breaks, we hear and see that Christ is risen.
We behold that you have broken the powers of sin and death, and opened the way to true life, which is eternal.
In Christ you have opened to us the gates of hope and righteousness.
As we enter through them, let our hearts be filled with praise. Amen!

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon Who Are You Looking For? Shannon Dill

Hymn* 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Sanctified Art

We believe in resurrection—

mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet,

like tulips after the snow: real.

We believe in Easter morning—

in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.

We believe in Jesus—

who calls us by name and asks,

"Who are you looking for?"

So we look-

for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst. And as we look, we sing, "Alleluia!" 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.

The Offering

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Offering may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.
- 2) Give online via slpres.org/giving.
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

Hymn* 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Charge and Benediction*

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!

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*please stand

