



Wandering Heart

"And I hope"

Easter Sunday



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 31, 2024 7:00 am



In Preparation for Worship

“The resurrection only makes sense when we remain amazed, marveling and wondering at the love of God that reversed death itself.” – *Dr. Karoline Lewis*

Prelude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
arr. Jan Sanborn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Yesterday we thought death had won.
Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.
But not today.

People: **Today we know that love has won.**
Today we know that hope is real.
Today we know that Christ is here.

Leader: Alleluia! We have reason to hope.

People: **Alleluia!**

ALL: Christ is risen today!

Hymn* 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Prayer for the Day*

God of new beginnings,
On that first Easter morning, the disciples struggled to hear the good news.
Doubt clouded their minds.
Negativity took root and hope vanished with a simple shake of their heads.
As we return to this familiar story, help us to hear differently this morning.
Open our ears that we might hear the sound of Alleluias ringing.
Open up our minds that the mystery and joy of Easter might feel within reach.
Open up our hearts that we might believe the unbelievable.
God of the empty tomb, we are hungry for your good news.
Speak to us now.
Amen.

Song of Praise*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

And I Hope

Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Sanctified Art

**We may weep through the longest nights.
We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.
We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.
But today, we are a people of hope.
We believe in new beginnings.
We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.
We believe that Jesus abides among us,
healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.
We believe that a tomb could not hold him.
We believe that the sun does rise.
We believe that the story is not over yet,
for God is among us.
Today we are a people of hope. 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

When Morning Gilds the Skies
arr. Carol Tornquist

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Closing Hymn* 245

Christ the Lord Has Risen Today!

Benediction*

Postlude*

Christ Arose
arr. Marilyn Thompson

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

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