

The Order of Worship

*Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer
upon entering the Sanctuary*

PRELUDE “‘Gloria’ from the Twelfth Mass” ... W. A. Mozart

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*GREETING

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

The Lord is our strength and our power;

The Lord has become our salvation.

Christ is risen!

Alleluia! [Psalm 118]

*PROCESSIONAL, HYMNAL 302 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*THE INVOCATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

*EASTER AFFIRMATION

**We believe in an Easter God, who transforms darkness into light,
hatred into tolerance, despair into hope.**

**We believe God is always working for good, changing every Good Friday
nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibility.**

**We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching
and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture;
who calls us by name to enter the dance of life.**

**We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection,
who beckons us to leave tomblike safety and trust the gracious invitation
to live joyfully.**

**We believe the Spirit is always renewing the church and making us a people
who practice kindness, encourage beauty and work for justice and freedom.**

We believe we are an Easter people, a sign that with God all things are possible.

*THE GLORIA PATRI, Hymnal 70

“Glory Be to the Father”

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Where E’er You Walk” ... Opera “Semele”, G. F. Handel
Tenor Soloist: Bill Searcy
Organist: Larry Blackmon

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

EPISTLE LESSON (NT, Pages 165,166, Pew Bible)

1 Corinthians 15:1-21

*GOSPEL LESSON (NT, Pages 184, Pew Bible)

Luke 24:1-11

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” ... Anna Laura Page

SERMON

“Rolling Away Stones, A New Way of Thinking”

*HYMNAL, 304

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

Choir and Congregation

“Peace be unto this congregation. Peace to every soul herein.
Peace which flows from Christ’s salvation. This He gave, our souls to save.
Peace, redeeming all our sin.”

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

... C. M. Widor
