



**Prelude** *Joy in the Morning* (setting by J. Raney) Gaye Herndon, organ

Please check in your attendance either in the comment section (Facebook) or by filling out the form on the webpage.  
Thanks for being with us this Easter morning!

**Welcome**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**Announcements**

There is a high need for blood and blood products – if you are able to donate contact BLOOD ONE on Riggins Road, or your local blood bank to see how you might help.

Many Eldercare clients have difficulty shopping, even in the best of times. To do so now is not only difficult, but poses a health risk. During these days, those clients are dependent on **donations of nonperishable food items (canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and rice) and toilet paper and paper towels**. Elder Services will sanitize all donations when they are dropped off. The next time you shop, please add a few items for Eldercare clients to your cart. You may then leave those items at any time on Meg and Charlie Guyton's front porch (2605 Marston Road in Betton Hills) or Mondays - Fridays, 8:00 - 5:00, at Eldercare Services (2518 West Tennessee Street - a few blocks west of Ocala Road) or at our church office – there will be a bin outside the Sanders Hall door for drop off from 8:00 – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning next week.

**Opening Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (UMH 302)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

### **A Creed for Easter Morning (Andreas Wagner)**

I believe in the God of Easter morning  
Who awakes us from our darkest dreams  
And leads us into the light of a new day,  
Who meets our pessimism with stunning hope of angelic proclamation.

I believe in the God of Easter Day  
Who beats us to the obstacles in our lives  
And empties the dark tomb for us;  
Who appears in surprising ways  
When we least expect it; walking with us on our detours.

I believe in the God of Easter evening  
Who breaks into our closets and prisons,  
Bringing peace and crushing our fear.  
I believe in the risen Lord who meets us  
with wounds on his hands and feet;  
Who grants us his spirit, sending us out to bring Shalom to the world.  
**Amen.**

### **Gloria Patri**

### **Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

### **A Word to the Children**

**Scripture**      **Mark 16:1-8**

**Sermon**              **Different, and Yet the Same**

**Closing Hymn**      ***Easter People, Raise Your Voices (UMH 304)***

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

### **Blessing**

**May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
provide us with every good thing we need in order to do his will;  
and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us now and forever.**

Live in peace, as witnesses of the risen Lord. **Amen.**

**Postlude**    *Finale from 'Suite for Holy Week' (J. Linker)*