Order of Worship: Sunday, April 17, 2022

Prelude Easter Medley (arr. J.W. Krug) Handbell Ensemble

Welcome Rev. Kandace Brooks

Introit Easter Song (A. Herring/arr. J.F. Wilson) Se'lah

Call to Worship

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

Opening Hymn Christ, the Lord is Risen Today (UMH 302, vs. 1-4)

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

Gloria Patri

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Anthem He Is Risen (N. and D. Besig) Covenant Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Scripture Mark 16:1-7

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

Sermon RESURRECTION!

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

Closing Prayer

May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen us in hope, enrich us with his love, and fill us with joy in the faith.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude Lift High the Cross (setting by L. Schackley) Gaye Herndon, organ