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As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

WELCOME Rebekah LeMon

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The tomb is empty!

**All:** The stone has been rolled away! One: Where, O death, is your victory?

All: The love of God is stronger than death.

One: Where, O death is your sting?

All: The love of God is stronger than death!

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

One: Come, let us worship the resurrected Lord!

## +OPENING SONG

#749 Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. [Refrain]

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. [Refrain]

+CALL TO CONFESSION

**Emily Beaver** 

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus you have defeated death and delivered us from sin and shame. You have renewed your creation and welcomed us into the mystery of eternal life. Yet, even in the face of this Good News, we are preoccupied with ourselves, governed by greed and fear. We confess that we don't always live as redeemed people, but cling instead to selfish ways. On this glorious day, help us to give up all that holds us, that the truth of your forgiveness might take root in our hearts. Transform us, that we might live as Easter people. Amen.

(silence for personal prayers of confession)

## +ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers, rejoice! The power of resurrection is at work. Christ casts out our fear with perfect love. Hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Elizabeth Davis

Isaiah 25:6-9

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 16:1-8

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

Giving and Forgiving: Hope

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

## CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Jean Shults

OFFERTORY You Make Beautiful Things

You make beautiful things.

You make beautiful things out of the dust.

You make beautiful things.

You make beautiful things out of us.

## +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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Please join us after the service for coffee, fellowship, and sharing in the peace of Christ.

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Emily Beaver
Director of Family Ministries

Brittney Boykin
Assistant Director of Music for Informal Worship

Elizabeth Davis Director of Children's Ministries

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon Senior Pastor

Jean Shults
Director of Middle School Ministries