

WORSHIP SERVICE

Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017

PRELUDE

Asbury Musicians

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Defeater of death!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Creator of community!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Way of hope!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Promise of wholeness!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heaven, 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!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

No. 48

Layla Grace Bosché
Ryan Lanier Gale Edwards
Kate Miller Perry
Samuel Donald Povie
Chesley Katherine Strain
Henry Dawson White

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Hodges

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Jan Durham

*HYMN

Lord of the Dance

No. 261

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SERMON

Great Expectations

Rev. Billy Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

We recognize and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given
to support the mission of the church through automatic payment.

OFFERTORY

Joy in the Morning

Asbury Choir

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Durham

*HYMN

Hymn of Promise

No. 707

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Hester

*POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus Choir & Congregation

* Those who are able, please stand.

** Children are invited to Children's Church (K-3rd & 4th-6th grades)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

by Dorothy McRae-McMahon

**We believe in a God
who is never confined to our imaging,
is never in bondage to our beliefs,
and never held fast in our dwelling places.**

**Our God is the mystery
of Divine and human bound together,
of power and vulnerability,
of crucifixion and resurrection.
Our God is the wonder of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility
of eternal wisdom and costly grace.**

**We celebrate this God
who leaps free of our boundaries
in love stretching out from horizon to horizon,
and in mercy bending deep
into fragile human hearts.**

*We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today.
If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers or greeters. They
would be glad to help you. Following the service, please join us in the
Social Hall for refreshments and fellowship.*

*We hope you have a meaningful worship experience – we hope you will
leave Asbury Memorial today renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!*

*We thank those who gave lilies in memory and in honor of Loved Ones
for the Easter Service.*

*The Easter Lily Cross was given in memory of Dr. Ned Downing
and to the glory of God by the Downing family.*

EASTER

*Christ
the Lord
is Risen
Today*

And the angel answered and said unto the women,
Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was
crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

MATTHEW 28:5-6