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<u>Reaching Others</u> (through) <u>A</u>ctive <u>D</u>iscipleship
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March 31, 2024 Easter Celebration Service

10:00 a.m.

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

Prelude

"I Raise a Hallelujah"

Welcome

Resurrection Ringers Anthem "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Arnold Sherman

Children's Message

Pastor Kim

CALL TO WORSHIP for the Resurrection of our Lord

based on Psalm 118

This is the day!

When angels bring light into our shadows, and call us to remember.

This is the day!

The Lord awakens us with unexpected grace,

and the sun breaks out in song.

This is the day that the Lord has made!

The day when life triumphs over death, when love pushes aside fear,

when hope walks with us in every moment.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Song "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Verse 1 Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: alleluia!

Verse 2 Lives again our glorious King, alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting: alleluia! Dying once He all doth save, alleluia!

Where thy victory, 0 grave? alleluia!

Verse 3 Loves redeeming work is done, alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, alleluia!

Verse 4 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!

Easter Proclamation

The stone was rolled away. **Christ is risen!**The tomb was found empty. **Christ is risen!**The angel said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" **Christ is risen!**Because this is true, we proclaim the resurrection this day and always, **Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in

Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel John 20:1-18

(Before the reading) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

(After the reading) Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Kimberly Jordan

Song of the Day/Offering "Death was Arrested"

by Adam Kersh, Bradon Coker, Heath Balltzglier & Paul Taylor Smith

Verse 1 Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in

Your love made a way to let mercy come in When death was arrested and my life began

Verse 2 Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus Oh Your grace so free washes over me

You have made me new now life begins with You It's Your endless love pouring down on us You have made us new now life begins with You

Verse 3

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began Penagtic

When death was arrested and my life began Repeat *Chorus*

Verse 4 Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross,

Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand,

That's when death was arrested and my life began. Repeat *Chorus*

Bridge Oh we're free free forever we're free,

Come join the song of all the redeemed

Yes we're free free forever amen,

When death was arrested and my life began (Repeat)

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Prayers of the Faithful

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer see screen

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Distribution

The ushers will direct you. Please take an empty cup from the tray. Filled cups contain juice. Place your used cup in the basket near the altar. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

Distribution Song "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio

Verse 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

Verse 2 Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Chorus My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3 The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures Repeat *Chorus*

Verse 4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God who called me here below Will be forever mine Will be forever mine You are forever mine

Distribution Song "The Wonderful Cross"

Verse 1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2 See from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down Did ever such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

Verse 3 Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small Love so amazing so divine Demands my soul my life my all Repeat *Chorus* 2x

Blessing

Communion Prayer

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.

Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

Benediction

Go forth in joy! Christ is alive! Go forth to serve the risen Christ! Go forth to tell the great good news! And may Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Song "Raise a Hallelujah"

by Jonathan & Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs, Jake Stevens

Verse 1 I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes hope will arise Death is defeated the King is alive

Verse 2 I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me

I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

Repeat *Chorus* I raise a Hallelujah (repeat 3x)

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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