

Order of Worship
March 27, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday

Introit

Welcome & Announcements

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 22:14-18 & 24)

Leader: O Lord, you were poured out like water, and all your bones were out of joint for our sins.

People: Your heart became like wax; it was melted within your breast;

Leader: Your mouth was dried up like a potsherd, and your tongue stuck to your jaws; you lay in the dust of death.

People: Dogs were all around you; a company of evildoers encircled you. Your hands and feet were shriveled;

Leader: They stared and gloated over you; they divided your clothes among themselves, and for your clothing they cast lots.

People: We praise you, Holy Savior, for you did not despise the affliction and did not hide your face from us, but went to the grave for our sake.

All: Blessed be your name, Lord Jesus.

*Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This" # 85

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess, however, that we remain captive to fear and doubt, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook those in need around us, abuse the earth you created and neglect our own wellbeing. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new so that we may know the joy of abundant life as given to us in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Confession Response: Please meditate on the following words of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" as Philip Pershing plays the tune.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all."

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Rock Obstacles"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" # 113

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: adapted from Q1 of the The Heidelberg Catechism
Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

All: My only comfort in life and in death is that I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Praise be to the God of our salvation!

*Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" # 371

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: **"God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again."**