

Order of Worship
April 16, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Resurrection Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Introit – “Alleluia” verses 1, 2 and 5

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 118:1 & 5-8)
Leader: Out of our distress we called on the LORD; the LORD answered us and set us in a safe place.

People: With the LORD on our side we will not fear. What can mortals do to us?

Leader: The LORD is on our side to help us; we shall look in triumph on those who hate us.

People: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in mortals.

All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

*Hymn: “What Wondrous Love Is This” # 85

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

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: **“Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.”** # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response “Gloria Patri” # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music: “I Serve a Risen Savior” insert

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:62-28:10

Sermon: “Unexpected Witnesses”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” # 123

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: “Thine Is the Glory” # 122

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: “Alleluia” verses 1 and 4