

First Parish Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Sunrise Service

March 27, 2016

6:30 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Ashley Cox

CALL TO WORSHIP

Malysa Deranian

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Many: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We are afflicted in every way....

Many: But not crushed!

One: Struck down...

Many: But not destroyed.

One: For we are indeed persuaded that neither life or death...

Many: Nor angels, or principalities...

One: Nor things present or things to come...

Many: Nor powers, nor neight, nor depth...

One: Nor anything else in all creation...

Many: Will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ!

One: For on Easter God defeats death.

Many: On Easter, life wins!

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

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OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jen Robinson

Holy, Loving, Gracious God, we celebrate today your victory over the grave, when you raised Jesus Christ from death to life. And we celebrate today how your same power works in each of us, raising us all from death to new life. This morning, help us to set aside those things which separate us and grow into the new life you bring, a life renewed in your image, a life in which all divisions cease, because Christ has brought new life, your life, to us all. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24: 1-12

Jaime Robinson

MUSICAL MEDITATION

EASTER SUNRISE COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? 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!

Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Announcements and Gratitude

- ~ All are invited to come to First Parish for a Breakfast Buffet following worship. The cost is \$5 per person.**
- ~ We are grateful to our ushers, to Dani Allen for use of her sound system, and to our wonderful youth for this fantastic service!**
- ~ We are especially grateful to Diana Sweeney for helping out in Pastor Heidi's absence.**

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!