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

Easter Sunrise Service

April 1, 2018

6:20 AM

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather here this beautiful morning to celebrate Easter!

All: Christ is Risen!

One: We come to see God's light flood this day with Hope!

All: Chris is Risen Indeed!

One: We are ready for God's love to fill our Spirits!

All: Chris is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! 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

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Loving God, open our hearts and our minds to receive fully the joys you have so generously given us. Let us celebrate the victory of Jesus and the hope for the future.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive
us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is
the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever.
Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 18:1-2

¹ I love you, O LORD, my strength.

² The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

NEW TESTAMENT Mark 16:1-8, 15, 20

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

²⁰ And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

MESSAGE: Jesus' Example

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!**

**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!**

BENEDICTION

Announcements and Gratitude

- ~ Everyone is invited to come to First Parish for a Breakfast Buffet after worship. The cost is \$6 per person.**
- ~ Special thanks to Troop 405, the Allen Family, the Pingree Family and Pastor Deborah!**

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!