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

Welcome to Easter Sunrise Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Many: Christ is Risen!

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

Many: Christ is Risen Indeed!

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

Many: Christ 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 Luke 24:1-12

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

MESSAGE: An Idle Tale

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

Special thanks to Troop 405, the Allen Family, the Deranian Family, and the Worthen Family!

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!