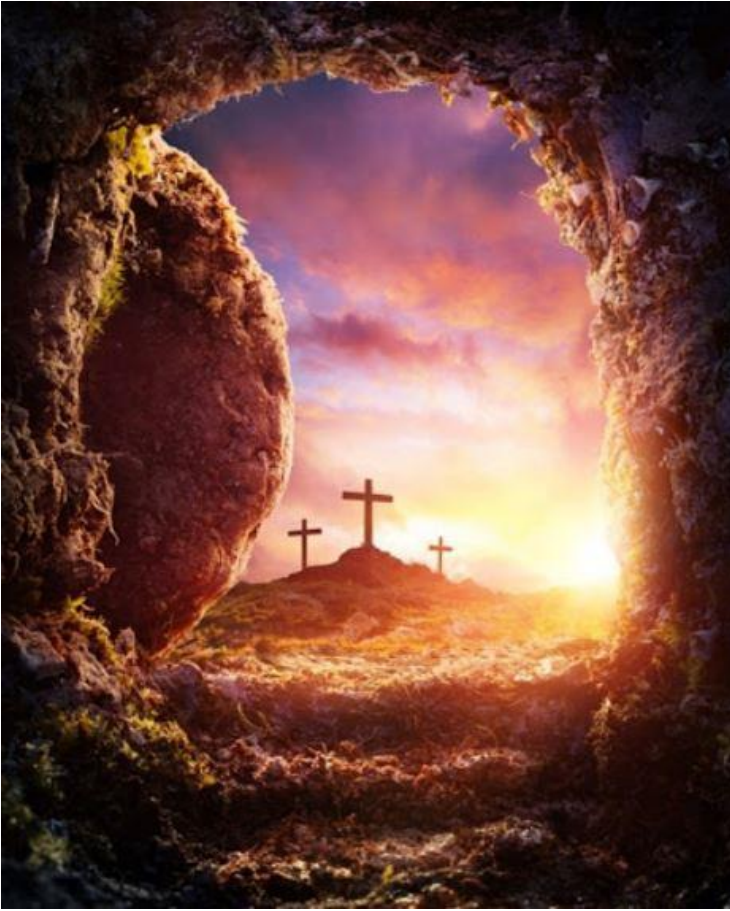


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**April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday Sunrise**



ALL ARE WELCOME

“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips, and offer God today your love and your service.”

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

No matter who you are,  
No matter where you are  
on life’s journey –  
you are welcome among us!  
Welcome!

“Never place a period where  
God has placed a comma.”  
Gracie Allen

**WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

**WELCOME**

***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

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!

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

## **INVOCATION**

**God of abundant life, we greet the dawning brightness of this special day with hopes renewed. We have known grief and sorrow, loss and tears, fear and failure. Meet us here, living Christ, for we need this time of resurrection. Amen.**

## **EASTER SUNRISE COMMUNION**

We will share Communion together by using the special cups that include wafer and juice. Follow Pastor Deborah's lead and dispose of the cups appropriately. **Thanks be to God!**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

**SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18**

## **EASTER REFLECTION**

### **WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **and 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.**

## **WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD**

### **OPENING HYMN: #233 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 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**