

WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC *Put your flowers on the Cross* Southern City Brass Quintet
Large print bulletins and hymnals (red cover) as well as FM receivers are available from an usher to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. If you want to share a prayer request, take a card from the pew rack, fill it out and during the prayer hymn hold it up for the usher to collect. *Please stand as you are able at asterisk.

INTROIT “Thine Be the Glory” Aaron Holm & Cassandra Weybright, trumpets;
Nathan Hillyard & Adam Kirtley, trombone; and Christy Fowler, tuba

*CALL TO WORSHIP by Robert Blezard Responsive

Leader: The tomb is empty; Jesus is not here! Christ is risen from the grave!

People: We shall not die, but live. Let us raise glad songs of victory!

Leader: This day God has brought life from death,
and opened the gates of righteousness

People: Let us enter God’s gates with thanksgiving.

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*OPENING HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” - vv. 1-4 No. 302

*OPENING PRAYER Unison

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH Patricia Easley

Children are invited to the chancel for this time. Following it, children ages 3 through 5th grade may leave for Kid’s Club.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM “Resurrection Power” - T. Fettke Choir; Quintet; Collin & Andrew Pfender
Congregation joins in 2 stanzas of “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” as directed:

All Hail the Pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball

To him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all;

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

p. 36 NT

SERMON

“What Will We Do with the Open Tomb?”

Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Hymn

“He Lives”

No. 310

Ushers will collect prayer cards, or you may bring yours up to and/or pray at the altar.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Unison

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Announcements, Invitation to Share and Prayer of Dedication

Pastor

The Offertory

“The Strife Is O’er” – arr. Linker

Organ

*The Doxology

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

No. 881

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD

*SENDING ANTHEM/HYMN “Jesus is Lord” – arr. H. Sorenson Choir and Brass
Congregation joins as directed in chorus “He is Lord”:

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Ev’ry knee shall bow, ev’ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

POSTLUDE

“Christ, the Cornerstone” - Wilson

Organ

NEXT SUNDAY: Combined Service and Communion, led by Choir and Organ

Pastor Easley preaching on: “Not Necessarily ‘Seeing and Believing’”

Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:3-9 & John 20:19-31