

Service for the Lord's Day

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

The plants and trees show God's presence.

Let us join with creation in praising God.

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,

he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,

bursting in with new life and new hope.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist, Steve Lowe

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

CONFESSION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness,
interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together.

*What love you have given us, O God,
that we should be called your children.*

*What love you have given us, O Christ,
that we should share a table with you.*

*Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children:
when we do not recognize your image*

in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends;

*when we do not share our own tables,
forgetting that we need each other.*

*Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace,
and teach us to follow in your way.*

Still, O Lord, we do not follow in the way of your love.

Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection.

Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace.

*Show us your hands and your feet once more,
and teach us to be your body in the world.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA!

Joshua Allen

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Lowe

SCRIPTURE

Our first New Testament reading is from the book of Acts chapter 3,
verses 12 through 19. O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Our next reading is Psalm 4. Hear the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Our epistle reading is from First John chapter 3, verses 1 through 7.

Hear the word of God for us.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Our gospel lesson for this morning comes from the gospel according to
Luke chapter 24, verses 36 through 48. Hear the word of God for us.

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Trust in Anxious Times"

Rev. Michele R. Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Steve Lowe

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

Let us affirm our faith together:

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of
Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death and
bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the blessed hope of the resurrection,
we pray to the Lord of endless life, saying:

By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**