

# Easter Sunrise Service

APRIL 9, 2023  
7:00 AM

**\*GREETING** (responsively):

L: Morning has broken, but this morning is different.

P: The birds are singing tunes of joy in the trees surrounding the graves. The flowering buds are bursting in colors vibrant around each stone.

L: We've come to visit the grave of a friend, but "he is not here."

P: The sun is rising in the East; the shadowed grays turn bright! The Son is risen in our hearts; darkness and death end in defeat.

L: Now we understand what Christ said, what God did. Now we can proclaim,

**ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!**

**\*OPENING HYMN OF CELEBRATION** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring,

Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

**THE INVOCATION**

Rev. Mack McDowell

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**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

*John 20:1-18*

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**WITNESS TO THE WORD**

"I Am Ascending"

Rev. Mack McDowell

**\*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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!

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!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He Died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

