

# Order of Worship

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

Allison Martin, Fountains Harpist

GREETING/PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Brittany Watson

OPENING HYMN 302

*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!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!*

*King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Haley Jones

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tammy Felder

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Donna Hankins

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 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.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20: 1-18

Cassie Freeman

SOLO

*I Stand With One Foot in the Grave* Christen Stanley, Bassoon

SERMON

Rev. David C. Freeman

OFFERTORY

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Virtual Choir

AN EASTER PRAYER OF EMPATHY

The Roxbough Family

**God, our world is bent and broken, but this didn't stop you from showing your great love for us by sending your son to empathize with us in our weakness. Help me to do likewise. I recognize that in order to live in the glory of your resurrection, I must be willing to share in the pain of others. Give me the courage to do so and respond with compassion and love. Allow me to be a part of your grace to heal the brokenness in this world and live in your love which is eternal. Let empathy be my way to experience the fullness of the life you offer. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 306

*The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

*The strife is o'er, the battle done;*

*the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun:  
Alleluia!*

*The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed;  
let shouts of holy joy outburst:  
Alleluia!*

*The three sad days are quickly sped;  
he rises glorious from the dead;  
all glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!*

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee:  
Alleluia!*

BENEDECTION

Rev. Haley Jones

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HALLELUJAH from Messiah

GF Handel

POSTLUDE

Toccatà from the 5th Symphony

Charles Marie Widor