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Sunday, March 24, 2013 ***Easter Sunday—Christ is Risen!*** 8:30am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *“Saint Anthony Chorale” - J. F. Haydn*

*Amazing Grace* / Ringing of the Bell / Unveiling of the Cross

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP

 Leader: HE IS RISEN!

 ***People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!***

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\*HYMN *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”* *No. 123*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Resurrected and eternal God, we come to You full of joy and thanksgiving for the new life that You have given us in Jesus Christ. His resurrection shattered the chains of death and paved the way for our forgiveness. We come today rejoicing in Your presence, grateful to be alive, and humbled by the fact that You have the victory so that we can have eternal life. Abide with us, Lord God. Overlook our shortcomings especially those times that we walk by the need in our community and turn a blind eye to a neighbor who is reaching out for help. We pray this in the name of the resurrected Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

 *handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *“The Day of Resurrection!”* *No. 118*

(Children may come up front at this time for the Children’s Message)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Jean Pontz

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 65:17-25 (OT p696)*

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Easter Song”* Karen Blanchard, Joy Meade, Andrew Meade

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 20:1-10 (NT p114)*

SERMON *“Understanding the Resurrection”*  Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN *“Low in the Grave He Lay”* *see insert*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“I Will Rejoice!”* - J. Martin Chancel Choir

 \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below.*

 *Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*APOSTLES’ CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

\*HYMN *“Thine Is the Glory”* *No. 122*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *“Prelude and Fugue in C”* - J. S. Bach

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

*Amazing Grace* / Ringing of the Bell / Unveiling of the Cross

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\*Praise & Worship

*Joyful (The One Who Saves)*

 *Mighty to Save*

 *Revelation Song*

 *Jesus Paid it All*

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

 *Isaiah 65:17-25; John 20:1-10*

Sermon *“Understanding the Resurrection”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

 *The Anthem/Hallelujah*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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