



First Congregational

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Easter Sunday



Worship Leader

Diane Highnam

Mini-Message

Gina Greene

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Guest Preacher

Rev. Brad Braley

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude

Hymn Improvisation

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Opening of Worship

Call to Worship

Diane Highnam

One: Beloved, why are you weeping? The tomb is empty; the grave clothes are cast aside. Now is the time for tambourines and dancing, for victory songs and shouts of joy! Do not be afraid. See and believe: Our redeemer lives! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

***Processional Hymn**

Alleluia! My Redeemer Lives by Benjamin Harlan

(See Screen)

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Diane Highnam

God of amazing surprises and powerful love, your Easter victory is our sign of hope. Your Easter triumph is our promise of new beginnings. Your Easter alleluia is unexpected, undeserved, and graciously welcomed. We need your Easter: the promise that dawn brings new possibilities, the assurance that your love is stronger than death, the hope that every day might be touched by Easter joy. Let everyone feel the possibilities for living life surrounded by your powerful love and surprising grace. In the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Diane Highnam

Joys & Concerns

Diane Highnam

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Brad Braley

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Mini-Message

Gina Greene

***Hymn**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

#233 (NCH - Black)

Invitation to Offertory

Rev. Braley

Offertory

Song of Triumph by Arnold B. Sherman

Touch of Brass Bell Choir

***Response**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

vss. 2 & 3 (See Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

by Freda Gardner, *Peacemaking through Worship*

Diane Highnam

One: For this Easter day and all the Easters of our lives;

All: We thank you with hearts overflowing, O God.

One: For times when we were violated by word or deed and were raised again;

All: We thank you with the vitality of our lives, O God.

