



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

No. 232

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to the calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the world you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, and a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news...

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

ANTHEM

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

~ arr. by R. Williams

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"New Beginnings"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN

"The Strife Is O'er"

No. 236

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

Hymnal p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

No. 238

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Apr 16)

Greeters: Lorna Foster, Winnie Theobald
Ushers: Bernie Krecklow, Millie Vernon
Lay Reader: Rusty Sudderth

Serving Next Sunday (Apr 23)

Greeters: Anne Waddell, Dale Watts
Ushers: Lorna Foster, Winnie Theobald
Lay Reader: Kerry Kerr

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GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (4/16)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
Mon (4/17)		Church Office Closed
	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	6:30p	Sweet Adelines
Tue (4/18)	1:00p	Decorative Painting Ministry
	5:00p	Wt. Watchers
Wed (4/19)	9:00a	Wt. Watchers
	9:30a	Men's Bible Study
	7:30p	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (4/20)	5:30p	The Next 56 Days
Fri (4/21)		No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (4/22)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
Sun (4/23)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
	11:30a	Love Feast in Fellowship Hall

Rent-A-Youth: Don't Forget! If you need any yard work done, household repairs, odds & ends work, please contact Amy Evans and **rent our youth to do the work!**

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

Love Feast

The Mission Committee invites you to their annual Love Feast on Sunday, April 23. This is the Mission Committee's way of thanking all that have supported the different mission activities that occur both within the walls of the church as well as out in the community. The luncheon will begin immediately following worship service.

Please fill out prayer request cards.

This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.

Thank you for your assistance!

