

# Early on the first day of the week... Easter Sunday Celebrating the Risen Christ

PRELUDE "Christ is Risen Today" *Lyra Davidica* arr. Jack Gale  
"Were You There" *American Folk Hymn* arr. Jack Gale  
"Beyond the Clouds" Jack Wasson  
Ozark Point Brass: Courtney Swindler,  
Russell Morris, Mark Bailey, Durham Hill, Kyle Loughman;  
Percussion: Rick Dimond

WELCOME Anna Lee and Sam McSpadden  
Team Leaders Easter Sunrise Committee

CHORAL INTROIT "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" Mark Shepherd  
PHUMC Chancel Choir  
James Maase, Director  
Stanley Cox, Pianist

+GREETING Antwan Phillips  
Christ is risen! Little Rock City Director  
**Christ is risen indeed!**  
Glory and honor, dominion and power  
Be to God forever and ever!  
**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

+EASTER HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Charles Wesley  
**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!**

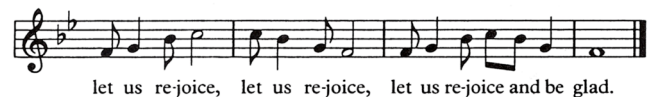
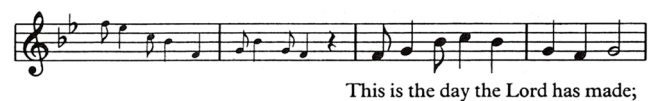
**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!**  
**Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!**  
**Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!**  
**Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**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!**

PRAYER FOR PEACE Mark Williams  
UAMS School of Public Health

ANTHEM "I Will Arise and Make Music" Laura Farnell  
Parkview Arts and Science Magnet,  
Lab Singers  
Mary Schollmier, Conductor  
CamRyn Stillman, Pianist

PSALTER "Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24" Sylvia Borchert  
*Response (all singing)* Lay Member Arkansas Annual  
Conference of the United Methodist Church



O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my power; the Lord has become my salvation.

**There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord is exalted,

**The right hand of the Lord does valiantly!" Response**

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**The Lord has chastened me sorely, but has not given me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. Response**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the Lord has made;**

**let us rejoice and be glad in it. Response**

SOLO "Ride on King Jesus" Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Harry T. Burleigh  
Phoebe Johnson, Soprano  
Mount St. Mary's Academy  
James Maase, Pianist

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 10:34-43 Miguel Lopez  
Chief Community Outreach Officer for Encore Bank

DANCE "Love Like This" Lauren Daigle  
New Creation Dance Company  
Dancers: Saige Anderson, Jessica Borden, Elizabeth Dawson,  
Kathleen Marleneana

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Drew Gwinn  
Little Rock Central High School, Sophomore

ANTHEM "He Decided to Die" Margaret Pleasant Douroux  
Philander Smith College "Collegiate" Choir  
Dr. Stephen L. Hayes, Director  
Laleata M. Westbrook, Pianist  
Chari Kentle Walker, Soloist

+GOSPEL John 20:1-18 Dr. John Robbins  
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Senior Pastor  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

EASTER MESSAGE "Love's Great Victory" Dr. John Robbins  
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Senior Pastor

+HYMN "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.**

COMMUNITY OFFERING Rhonda Sanders  
CEO Arkansas Food Bank

+BENEDICTION Sandreckia Morning  
Arts in Education Program Manager, LRSD School Board

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Hallelujah" *Messiah*  
George Fredrik Handel  
James Maase, Director; Stanley Cox, Pianist  
Combined Choirs: Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church,  
Parkview Arts and Science Magnet High School,  
Philander Smith College and Soloists  
**Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth;**  
**The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom**  
**of our Lord and of His Christ;**  
**And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings,**  
**and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!**

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- Send a check to the church with the memo, AR Food Bank

**2022 Community Easter Sunrise Service Committee:**  
Chairs: Sam McSpadden and Anna Lee Pittman-McSpadden  
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Jamie Harrell is the interpreter for the hearing impaired.

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*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.*