Order of Worship

**March 31, 2024**

***Resurrection Sunday!***

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who are sad and long for comfort;*

*to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want friendship; to all who hunger and thirst for something real and lasting; and to all who come here, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Prelude** (*Please silence cell phones at this time*)

**Opening Song: “Because He Lives”**

**Welcome and Greeting**\*

**Call to Worship:** *Deacon David Smukala, Liturgist*

Liturgist: Now is Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?

**People: Christ is risen!**

Liturgist: Christ is risen!

People: **(with a great voice) The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! ALLELUIA!**

**BELL CHOIR: “Christ The Lord is Risen Today”**

**Prayer of Confession: Pastor Dustin**

*ALL:* **Father, forgive and help us to no longer live for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. We admit that sometimes we do not share in the joy of the resurrection, but we get caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain unhappy, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us when we choose to worry and complain instead of seeking the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to You and Your ways, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we ask.**

**Lord, Hear our prayers.** *(A time for quiet prayer and musical meditation)*

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel** *Jeanie Smith, Liturgist*

Liturgist: You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross. (Colossians2.13-15)

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Worship Through Music: HYMN #367 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

**Teaching Moment:** *“Scam Alert: A Story of Fraud”*

*Pastor Dustin*

**Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

**Offering and Offertory**

*(You are welcome to place your offering at the plates at this time, or one of the plates as you leave Worship, which are located near the exits. You may also give online. God bless you!)*

**Offertory Song***:* **#357 “Christ Arose” arr. by Ken Gallo**

**Closing Song: “Bluegrass Easter Medley”**

**Announcements**

**-Welcome Visitors**

**-Invite to Breakfast**

**-Thank you to online folks**

**-Egg Hunt**

**Benediction**