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Worship – Easter Sunday  
Sunday, April 20, 2025  
*Guest Preacher: Rev. Martha Meredith*

Greeting

Musical Introit

## **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty

**People: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness**

Leader: The stone has been rolled away

**People: The one you are looking for has overcome death**

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside

**People: The one you are looking for is alive!**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

## **\*Opening Prayer**

**Creator of Life, in raising Christ Jesus up, out of, and beyond the chains of death, you opened the way to eternal and abundant life. May our alleluias on this day float high above the ceiling of what we think we know and transcend to heaven. Raise us up! Renew our lives! Resurrect our dreams! Through Jesus Christ our Living Savior, Amen.**

## **\*Song of Praise**

*“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

**UMH 302**

## **Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 24: 1-12*

*(see addendum below)*

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Song of Reflection**

Doug Bischoff

## **Sermon**

*“Christ the Lord is Risen, **TODAY!**”*

Rev. Martha Meredith

## **Song of Response**

*“In the Garden”*

**UMH 314**

## Confession

**Gracious God, your Son died and rose to new life so that death might be ended and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. We have scorned your love and refused to live as people created in your image. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and through his resurrection power enable us to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

## Celebration of Holy Communion

### The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. *Amen.***

## Giving Praise to God For Our Blessings

\*Doxology

UMH 95

\*Benediction & Sending Forth

\*Song of Sending Forth

***"Thine be the Glory"***

**UMH 308**

### **Luke 24:1-12 (CEB)**

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. <sup>5</sup> The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words. <sup>9</sup> When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. <sup>12</sup> But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.