

Worship Participants

Carol & Joe Hartmann, Randy Umfleet, Joy Barrett
 Rezound Handbell Ensemble
 Hengyi Ye, accompanist
 Samatha Bieber, Emily Kuo,
 Peter Mourad and Nancy Steinberger, violin
 Luke Mourad and Darrel Noye, cello
 Seth Campbell, bass
 Wesley Fritzemeier, drums

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This week

Sunday	7:30 am	Easter Breakfast
Monday	6:30 pm	Parent Group
Tuesday	7 pm	Racial Justice Action Team
Wednesday	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**11 am Worship
 Easter Sunday**



Grief & Hope

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-12

We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Were You There; Blue Ridge Reel

Welcome

Prelude

Just Because He Lives

Call to Worship

Leader: My dear friends,
We have known grief. We have known loss.
We have known the long road, tired and winding.
We have whispered prayers on bended knees.
We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.
But today—
All: today we know hope.
Leader: Today we know life.
All: Today we know the sound of Alleluias.
Leader: Today we know that death does not have the last word.
**All: Today we know that nothing can separate us
from the love of God.**
Leader: It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep in your bones,
that today is a new day.
All: Alleluia! Amen.

Opening Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*
red hymnal #302; vs 1-4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Gospel of Luke says it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna,
Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them
who told the apostles of the resurrection.
But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not
believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb.
**All: Forgive us, God,
when good news lands in our lap
and we refuse to believe it.**
**Forgive us, God,
when grief and fear crowd out any
room in our hearts for hope.**
**Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of
others and minimize the voices of our neighbors**
Leader: In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.
**All: Show us how to hold onto hope.
Show us how to run toward you. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of Faith, ... Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days
and our worst days.
**All: God’s grace exists for us when we are hopeful
and when we’re grieving, when we’re shouting
and when we’re silent, when we’re full of faith
and when we’re full of fear.**
**God’s grace exists for us on the best days,
the worst days, and every day in between.**
Thanks be to God for this good news! Alleluia! Amen.

Anthem *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Message

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: In the dark before dawn,
All: we believe that God is alive.
Leader: In the midst of our grief,
All: we believe the Spirit is at work.
Leader: In the chaos of our broken world,
All: we believe that love is on the loose.
Leader: For no stone could keep God at bay,
All: and no violence could keep God’s love from us.
Leader: So today we sing,
All: Alleluia!
Leader: For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,
All: hope lives.
Leader: Christ has died,
All: and Christ has also risen. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn of Response *Christ Is Alive*
red hymnal #318; vs 1,4 & 5

Community Prayer

Closing Hymn *He Lives*
red hymnal #310

Benediction

Postlude