

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

9:45 AM

PRELUDE

He is Lord

John Douglas

WELCOME

Pastor Mike Holland

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michelle Linton, Elder

One: Into the deep yearning of our lives, marked in these times by suffering, loss and moments when we feel completely abandoned, Easter comes.

Many: **Out of nowhere, out of death, out of the heart of darkness, which is caged and cradled throughout the universe, Easter comes.**

One: As longed-for good news, as an inconceivable possibility, as an amazing grace, Easter comes.

Many: **Into a creation overburdened by a pandemic, groaning for transformation, Easter comes**

One: Into a weary world whose resources are too often hoarded or sold for profit, Easter comes.

Many: **Into communities and neighborhoods marred by illness and poverty, scarred by hopelessness and fear, Easter comes.**

One: As an emphatic response to our human holy quest for wholeness and healing, Easter comes.

Prayer: **Life Giving Spirit, Easter comes to us as a great gift in the mist of a disabling pandemic. While graciously and joyfully received, does Easter not also, dare we pray, require something of us? We are created in Your Divine Image, called as people of God, invited to be partners with Christ in transforming the world. Teach us how to receive and practice resurrection in our daily lives. Amen.**

OPENING SONG *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(have bread/cracker and juice ready to participate)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, our mother and father, bread baker and wine maker, you worked the world into being, instilled all creation with life, and shaped us as your people. With all creation we offer our praises and give thanks for life and liberty. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Out of the Darkness

John Douglas

By Michele McLaughlin

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Robbie Arevalos

Know our children, you are blessing, God's light to be.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

May the Spirit's power fill you,

may with tender comfort still you.

Know our children, you are blessed, God's light to be.

MORNING PRAYERS with Pastor Kel Henderson

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Quiet Meditation

Only Time

John Douglas

By Enya

Reflection on the Lord's Prayer by Rev. Nancy Brink
Giver of light, source of life, You are all and in all, opening our hearts in praise. May Your way of peace with justice become our way in our hearts, in our homes, in our cities, in our nation, in our world. Even as we ask for bread we open our hands to share. Even as we seek forgiveness we bring Your spirit of reconciling grace to others. Open our eyes to rightly see deceptive paths and help us choose with wisdom and courage. Yours is the way, the creative energy and breathless beauty in this day and all our days. Amen.

READING **John 12:23-25**

²³ Jesus replied, “The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. ²⁴ I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their (ego-driven) lives will lose them, and those who lose their (ego-driven) lives in this world will keep them forever.

MESSAGE *Letting Go* Pastor Mike Holland
 In order to Live

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Pastor Mike Holland
 (Online giving is an option through churchofthefoothills.org)
 (Or, mail in pledges and gifts to the church office.
Or, drop them in the mail slot at the church office. Thank You!)

BENEDICTION Pastor Mike Holland

CONGREGATIONAL/CHORAL RESPONSE
 Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah

POSTLUDE *Above All* John Douglas
 Arr. by Mark Hayes