



**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**  
*with UCC Westerly*

**FESTIVAL EASTER SERVICE!**

**April 17, 2022 @ 9:45am**  
**In-person &**  
**Broadcast live from our sanctuary**  
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**INTROIT** – “Thine is the Glory”  
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*Tone Chimes Choir*

**PASTOR’S WELCOME & THE ANCIENT EASTER GREETING**

One: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

**PRELUDE** – “Alleluia! The Strife is O’er” *Dav Cranmer, Organist & Choirs Director*  
By Franklin Ritter, on the hymn tune VICTORY by GPS da Palestrina, ©2004 by Lorenz Publishing Company.

*\*The Easter Processional of Flowers will take place during the prelude. If you wish to participate, please come to the back of the sanctuary as the Gathering Music begins.*

**DEACON’S WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** –

[Adapted from *An Iona Prayerbook*, Peter Millar, Ed., © 1998, The Canterbury Press, p. 103]

Blow the trumpet, Lord! Call a celebration! Let stories be told and tears shed. Let prayers be uttered and laughter break forth. Let bread be broken and wine shared until your kingdom comes among us, bringing its many surprises, just like the empty tomb.

**OPENING SONG** – “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*”  
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**UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

[Adapted from *An Iona Prayerbook*, Peter Millar, Ed., © 1998, The Canterbury Press, p. 102]

**Amazing, Incredible God, your power alone can lead from death to life. Hover over the chaos of our lives and create a new moment for each of us in which we hear your call to live again. Fill us with your Holy Breath when we are immersed in the living of life each day with its joys and sorrows, its endings and beginnings. Hear us as we shout our joy to the heavens to proclaim this, your resurrection day! May this new life and new beginning we celebrate now carry us forward through all the days ahead, whatever they may hold. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC – “Bel Piacere”**

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*Erin Blake, Soloist*

**THE MORNING MESSAGE –**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 28:1-10

**Message –** *Whose Jesus?*

*Rev. Ruth*

Meditation Music – “Hallelujah! What a Savior!”

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**SONG OF RESPONSE – “The Day of Resurrection”**

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**A TIME OF PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer in whatever words are most comfortable for you.

Musical response

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Anthem – “Christ is Risen As He Said”

*Voice Choir*

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Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings\*

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*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.”*

**CLOSING SONG –** *Thine Is the Glory*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION—**

[[Adapted from *An Iona Prayerbook*, Peter Millar, Ed., © 1998, The Canterbury Press, p. 71]

This is the day that God has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it. We will not offer to God offerings that cost us nothing. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, to see truth and pursue it. In the name of the Trinity of Love, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we take His pilgrim way. Amen.

*Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*W&R#614*

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**CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE –** “Postlude on ‘Diademata’ (Crown Him with Many Crowns)”

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### **Matthew 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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