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Easter

Prelude Instrumental Ensemble
"See the Conquering Hero Come" (Thine is the Glory) G. F. Handel/arr. J. Kelley
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

Many: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

Many: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Christ
is with us now and always.

Many: Christ is risen, indeed.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn Binder #5 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Prayer of Invocation Worship in a Flash

O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. Amen.

Opening Response Binder #2 "Halle, Halle" Traditional

Children's Time

The Witness of Music Chancel Choir
"Hallelujah! Now Be Joyful!" Natalie Sleeth
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Reading:

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus.

While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, “Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen. **Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee – that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again.**”

With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them.

When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them.

Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words, we give thanks. Amen

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn NCH #238 verses 1,3, and 4 "Now the Green Blade Rises"

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking
that our eyes might be opened,
that we might recognize the risen Christ
in our midst, indeed, in one another.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Pray of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love
by bringing us to this meal.
We go from here renewed in faith,
renewed in courage,

and strengthened by your presence.
Thank you for loving us so tenderly.
Thank you for challenging us
to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen

How shall we join God's work in the world?

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

Closing Hymn NCH#241 "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

Benediction

Postlude Instrumental Ensemble
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