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*The Congregation will ring Easter bells when “Alleluia” is heard.*

**Organ Meditation**

**Christ is Risen Litany**

Erin Conaway

One: Christ is Risen!

**Many: He is Risen Indeed!**

Giselle Vento, *Spanish*  
David Chrisna, *Sudanese*  
Dillan Damping, *Indonesian*  
Carolien Tantra, *Mandarin*  
Cindy Jones, *German*  
Ken Hatakeyama, *Japanese*  
Jung-Hyun Min, *Korean*  
Sasha Lubaev, *Russian*  
Lynn Tatum, *Hebrew*  
Abdul Saadi, *Aramaic*  
Naila Saadi, *Arabic*  
Carl Hoover, *Portuguese*  
Rosalie Beck, *Vietnamese*

One: Christ is Risen!

**Many: He is Risen Indeed!**

One: Alleluia!

**Many: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Meditation**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

arr. David Angerman

**CHILDREN’S HANDBELL CHOIR**

**Procession of the Christ Candle**

Jo-Ann Tsang

**Processional Hymn, No. 194**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

## Litany of Resurrection

Bill Cooper

One: Christ is Risen!

**Many: Alleluia!**

One: We give thanks for the gift of Easter that runs beyond our explanations, beyond our categories of reason, even more, beyond the sinking sense of our own lives.

**Many: We give thanks for the gift of Easter.**

One: We know about the powers of death, powers that persist among us, powers that drive us from you, and from our neighbor, and from our best selves. We know about the powers of fear and greed and anxiety, and brutality and certitude, powers before which we are helpless.

**Many: We give thanks for the gift of Easter.**

One: And then you...you at dawn, unquenched, you in the darkness, you on Saturday, you who breaks the world to joy. Yours is the kingdom,

**Many: Alleluia!**

One: Yours is the power,

**Many: Alleluia!**

One: Yours is the glory,

**All: Alleluia! For ever and ever! Alleluia!**

— adapted from Walter Brueggemann, *The Prayers of Walter Brueggemann*, p. 161

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bill Cooper

## Meditation

“A New Day of Joy”

Terry W. York  
Larry E. Schultz

### CHORISTERS

Eury Alvarez, *oboe*  
Jim Williams, *piano*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 31:1-6*

CJ McKeever

## Epistle Reading

*Colossians 3:1-4*

Ivy Hyman

## Hymn, No. 197

“We Welcome Glad Easter”

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 28:1-10*

Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of God's People

Matt Rosencrans

## Offertory

“Lord of the Dance”

Shaker melody  
arr. Joel Raney

Donnie Balmos, *piano*

Lydia Bratcher, *organ*

*Offering plates are available at the doors of the sanctuary as you leave worship.*

## Doxology

*(sung to LASST UNS ERFREUEN, tune of “All Creature of Our God and King,” No. 307)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Children's Sermon

Leslie Rosencrans

*All children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon.*

*Preschoolers [ages 4-kindergarten] may then go to Extended Session.*

## Responsive Reading of Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Scott Turner

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**Many: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

One: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**Many: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

One: The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

**Many: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

One: The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**Many: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

One: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**Many: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## **Anthem**

“See What a Morning”

arr. Bruce Greer

See, what the morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, “Where is He laid?” as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound 'til He appears, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority.  
And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love was won, Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

## **Sermon**

“Fear and Great Joy”

Erin Conaway

*(Matthew 28:1-10)*

## **Silent Reflection**

But there are those not baffled, but stunned by the news,  
stunned while at minimum-wage jobs;  
stunned while the body wastes in cancer;  
stunned while the fabric of life  
rots away in fatigue and despair;  
stunned while unprosperous and unfull  
and unsafe and untenured...

Waiting only for you in your Easter outfit,  
waiting for you to say, ‘Fear not, it is I.’

Deliver us from our bafflement and our many explanations.

Push us over into stunned need and show yourself to us lively.  
Easter in us honesty; Easter in us fear;  
Easter in us joy, and let us be Eastered. Amen.

— Walter Brueggemann, *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers*

## Hymn of Commitment, No. 223

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in Christ  
or request membership in this congregation, our ministers  
will greet you at the front of the sanctuary.*

## Congregational Response

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the  
family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care,  
our kinship, and our hopes; we hope to learn from you, give to you,  
and receive from you, by God’s grace. Amen.

## Pastoral Blessing

Erin Conaway

One: Christ is Risen!

**Many: He is Risen Indeed!**

One: Alleluia!

**Many: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Choral Response

“Share the Easter Joy”

Mark Patterson

### CHORISTERS

Lorie Crowder and Pat Hynan, *handbells*

## Postlude

“Toccata” from Symphonie No. V

Charles-Marie Widor

# Today at Seventh

## Children's Handbell Choir

Ava Farris  
Robin Land  
Audrey Ludwig

Ezriela Martinez  
Mathis McKeever  
Avery Poehls

Patrick Poehls  
Chloe Smith  
Wesley Zuniga

## Choristers

Kloii Bentley  
Dillan Damping  
Ava Farris  
Eri Hatakeyama  
Robin Land

Audrey Ludwig  
Ezriela Martinez  
Keziah Martinez  
Mathis McKeever  
Avery Poehls

Patrick Poehls  
Chloe Smith  
Edward Smith  
Wesley Zuniga

## Sanctuary Brass

Arthur Torres, *trumpet*  
Kam Martin, *trumpet*  
Phillip Lowe, *french horn*

Dylan Mitchell, *trombone*  
Martin Davenport, *trombone*  
Lorie Crowder, *percussion*

**Our Pianist today** is Donnie Balmos.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given in celebration of the empty tomb. Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

**The Artwork on the Cover** is a portion of the *Stations of the Cross* colored by the Youth Group at Seventh & James and was displayed in 2022.

Hearing devices are available at the sound booth for any who need assistance.

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