The Worship of God
Second Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2019

Music for Gathering
Marietta Mobley, piano

Christ Candle
Hannah Porter

Opening Sentences
Rev. Alan Sherouse

Opening Voluntary
Jack Os

Fanfare for Eastertide
Call to Worship

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God’s throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!

Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Rejoice, O mother church! Exult in glory!
The risen Savior shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God’s people!

Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

—ancient Easter proclamation called Exultet

Hymn of Praise 250

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Tony Sanders, music intern trumpet

Words of Friendship

A Family Covenanting
Rev. Sherouse, Christina McCord

John Blanton Hardy, son of Ben and Sara Beth Hardy

After the family covenanting, children, ages four through first grade may attend Junior Church and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

Prayers of God’s People
Rev. Chris Cherry

Opening of God’s Word
Katie Parrish
Easter Carol

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,

Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Thinking that he would never wake again;
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Your touch can call us back to life again,

Love lives again that with the dead has been;
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

Refrain: Love is come again like wheat arising green.

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Scripture Lesson

Dr. Sumerel

John 20:19-31

Choral Music

Robert Sterling

Jesus Paid It All
Sanctuary Choir, Levone Tobin Scott, accompanist

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Whispers of Resurrection I Believe

tHymn 248

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He Lives

Musical Interlude
Missions Moment

Offertory Prayer

Musical Offering

Savior Medley
Lollis and Joel Reynolds, vocal duet

†Benediction

Music for Dismissal

Toccata Brevis

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Harold and Jane Messick on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary by Matt, Holly, Sam and Kate Messick.

Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted. During the Words of Friendship, we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a Connection Card in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. Ministers will also be greeting worshipers at each exit door after the service.