

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

*A Time of Praise*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty!*

**PEOPLE: The One you are looking for has overcome the darkness.**

*Leader: The stone has been rolled away!*

**PEOPLE: The One you are looking for has overcome death.**

*Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.*

**PEOPLE: The One you are looking for is alive!**

*Leader: Christ is Risen!*

**PEOPLE: Christ is Risen indeed!**

OPENING HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (vs. 1-4) # 302

UNISON PRAYER God of new life, we come with songs of joy and words of praise for your powerful love and life-giving grace. Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we have come to celebrate the strength of your love – a love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of your grace, we thank you for the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ here in our midst as we worship you on this holy day. Amen.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING for EASTER SUNDAY (insert)

*Act of Confession and Pardon*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Gracious God, you are the author of life, the power of our salvation. When our strength fails, carry us to the path of faithful living. When, with our sinful ways and closed hearts, we reject your salvation, set our minds on you, that we may return to your loving presence and guiding light. Raise us up to new life, we pray, that we may be children of the resurrection, your Easter people every day. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Leader: Hear the good news: everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

**PEOPLE: In the name of the Risen Christ, we are forgiven and loved by the God of steadfast love. Alleluia! Amen!**

*Hearing God's Word*

EPISTLE READING Acts 10.34-43 (pg. 129)

CHORAL ANTHEM

EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 15.19-26 (pg. 176)

GOSPEL READING John 20.1-18 (pg.114)

SERMON *And Yet.....New Life!*

\*HYMN *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* # 304

## *Responding To God's Word*

### A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer  
The Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer  
Choral Prayer Response

# 895

### RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

\*CLOSING HYMN *The Day of Resurrection*

# 303

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORDS OF BENEDICTION

*Leader: Having celebrated the Risen Christ, we go forth. May the love of God, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**PEOPLE: We go forth in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia! Amen!**

SUNG BENEDICTION *Let Us With a Joyful Mind* (vs 1) # 2012

### \*POSTLUDE

#### Today's Worship Leaders

Jen Farrin, Lay Reader  
Verne Smith, Video Production Manager  
Debbie Greim, Organist and Choir Director  
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor



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all people  
with the love of Christ.