

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 20, 2025 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.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 118 (response 2) # 839

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)

SOLO PERFORMANCE Barry Doyle *I'll Walk With God*

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

GOSPEL READING John 20.1-18 (pg. 114)

SERMON *Cultivating and Nurturing New Life: Risen!*

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

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer
Litany of Thanksgiving for Easter Sunday (insert)
The Lord's Prayer # 895
Prayer Response *First Song of Isaiah* # 2030

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory and *Doxology # 95
*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 *Hymn of Promise (vs. 3)* # 707

***POSTLUDE**

Today's Worship Leaders

Sue White, 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.