St. Paul's United Church of Christ April 9, 2023 Easter 7:30 a.m. Rev. Robert F. Broeder

Organ Prelude Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship
L: Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
C: Hallelujah! The Tomb is empty!
L: Hallelujah! The Spirit blows free!
C: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!
ALL: Hallelujah! Amen!

*Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

#130

*Silent Prayer of Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of the risen Christ, we lay before you everything that keeps us from rising with Christ to new life in you. We confess the burden of our self-righteousness that keeps us from sharing the good news with people we judge unworthy. We confess the burden of our apathy that keeps us from lifting the oppression of others. We confess the burden of our anger that keeps us from acting as people of peace. Enlighten our souls by the radiance of your risen son, that we may witness as beacons of hope to others and reveal your presence in us. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven and you are set free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen

Welcome and Announcements Children's Sermon Children Sing

Scripture Readings	Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 - 24	John 20: 1 - 22
Hymn	Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven	#134
Sermon	"Lessons of Easter"	
Hymn	The Day of Resurrection	#136

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer - Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Let us Break Bread Together #210

The Lord's Supper

Invitation Prayer of Consecration Words of Institution Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we thank you for refreshing us at Christ's table. May our minds be renewed through our participation at your Holy Supper. Amen.

Offering our Gifts

Invitation Offertory Music

*Doxology

Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Offering Prayer**

God of abundance, you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet. And any time I don't know just what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.

*Hymn	Thine is the Glory	#139
*Benediction		
*Postlude		

