

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

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***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

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Sermon

"Lessons of Easter"

Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

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