

Praying

Call to Prayer "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Black hymnal, 2200

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, "**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.**")

Silent Prayer

***Passing the Peace**

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song "He Lives" Red hymnal, 310 (1)

The Easter Gospel Matthew 28:1-15 Pew Bible, 33

Scripture Song "He Lives" Red hymnal, 310 (2)

Sermon "Jesus Lives!" Dick Clark

***Hymn** "He Lives" Red hymnal, 310 (3)

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"Today we begin the 50-day celebration of Easter, the greatest and oldest feast of the Christian faith. The length of the Easter season speaks to the incredible significance of the Resurrection and our need to take time both to celebrate and to ponder the central mystery of our faith. We hear the varied voices of the early church in the seven weeks of Easter readings leading to Pentecost. We listen to some of the first witnesses ... In their stories we hear resurrection as one more incredible act of an incredibly faithful, reconciling, creative God. That same God is at work in and through us. Where do we witness resurrection? - from *The Whole People of God*

Offertory "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Smith

***Dedication Song** "Seek Ye First" +UMH, 405

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

Gracious God, all the work we do, all the good purposes we intend, every act of generosity, each kindness to the stranger, the money we give, every act of your justice; each of these things celebrates the resurrection. Alleluia! Amen.

Celebrating Holy Communion

***Communion Song**

"Lamb of God"

Black hymnal, 2113 (2-3)

The Invitation to Communion

This is the Lord's Table. We are all invited without exception because Jesus, our Lord, invites us all without exception, and we need to share this holy meal with one another. The Spirit calls us to gather, to come to this place and meet the Living Jesus. Come with open hands and open hearts. You are all welcome. Come now and take your place at this table where Jesus is Host.

The Great Thanksgiving

Black hymnal, 2257

(We are using the Communion Setting in *The Faith We Sing*, No. 2257 a,b,c,&d. The congregation sings responsively on 2257-a and in unison on b, c,& d.)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Sharing the Bread and Cup**

(Everyone is invited to come forward, receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. Please bring a Communion offering for our St. Tims Hunger Fund, which helps provide food, utilities, and rent for needy families.)

Unison Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Going Forth

Blessing

"Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigns. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!"

***Hallelujah!**

"Hallelujah!" – Handel

Chancel Choir & Friends

Linda and Joel Haack, accompanists

(It is traditional for the congregation to stand during Handel's *"Hallelujah!"* Chorus.)

***Postlude**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Lorenz

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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