# ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP – APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 <u>EASTER</u>

**Prelude** Bev Junker (Piano)

## Welcome, Announcements & Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship

<u>Pastor</u>: What a glorious morning! What a beautiful day! We have great

news to share: Jesus has come down from His cross of death.

He lives!

People: Christ is alive! His tomb is empty! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Roll away every stone! Brush away every tear! Shout it and

sing it for all to hear! Death is conquered and God is victorious!

People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Let us rejoice!

A Time of Singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

"Christ Arose!"

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Kyle

Special Music "Amazing Grace" Dawn Schroeder (solo)

Pastoral Prayer (Concerns & Joys)

**Scripture Reading** Romans 5:6-11

**Song of Response** "We Will Glorify"

**Scripture Reading** Ephesians 2:4-7

**Special Music** "The Power of the Cross" Rebecca Timmons (solo)

**Service of Communion** 

**Easter Hymn** "He Lives"

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 28:1-10

**Easter Message** "From Fear to Faith" Pastor Kyle

Closing Song "And Can it Be?"

**Benediction** 

Romans 5:6-11

For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

#### Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

#### Matthew 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."