



ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Allegro maestoso from Sonata op. 65 Nr. 2 in C Minor
Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118:1,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

Introit

“Christ Is Risen!”

Text: Easter Acclamation; Music: Cheyne Davidson
Adult Choir; Cheyne Davidson, Director

***Call to Worship**

Mei-yiu Held

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Blessed is Jesus our Savior!

Leader: He has conquered death, he is alive!

People: He has brought love and forgiveness to us, all thanks be to him!

Leader: He will return again, bringing everlasting peace. His Kingdom will reign forever. All glory to him!

***Hymn of Praise**

#123 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Text: *Lyra Davidica*, Charles Wesley; Music: *Lyra Davidica*

Examination

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9). Let us come before our forgiving God, and confess our sins in silence.

Prayer of Confession

**People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
You have removed our sins from us,
as far as the east is from the west.
Your love for us is as high as the heavens are above the earth.
With you, Lord, is unfailing love.
You have fully redeemed your children.

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

Text: Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

First Scripture Reading

John 20:1-10 (p. 1089)

Mei-yiu Held

Meditation

"God So Loved the World"

Text: John 3:16-17; Music: John Stainer

Second Scripture Reading

John 20:11-18 (p. 1089)

Sermon

“He is risen!”

Rev. Dennis Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#118 “The Day of Resurrection”

Text: John of Damascus; Music: Henry Thomas Smart

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Heather Altermatt,
Morning Worship Elder

Offertory

“Because He Lives”

Text and Music: Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither

Arranged: Mark Hayes

***Doxology**

#592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Heather Altermatt

The Lord’s Prayer (in English or in the language of your choice)

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Heather Altermatt

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication**

#108 “Christ Is Alive!”

Text: Brian Wren; Music: Thomas Williams, Harm: Lowell Mason

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Rev. Dennis Wright

Choral Benediction

“Litany for Easter”

Text: Easter Acclamation; Music: Gordon Young

Postlude

Tonstück op. 22 Nr. 1 Moderato

Nils Wilhelm Gade (1817 – 1890)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Please stand if you are able.**