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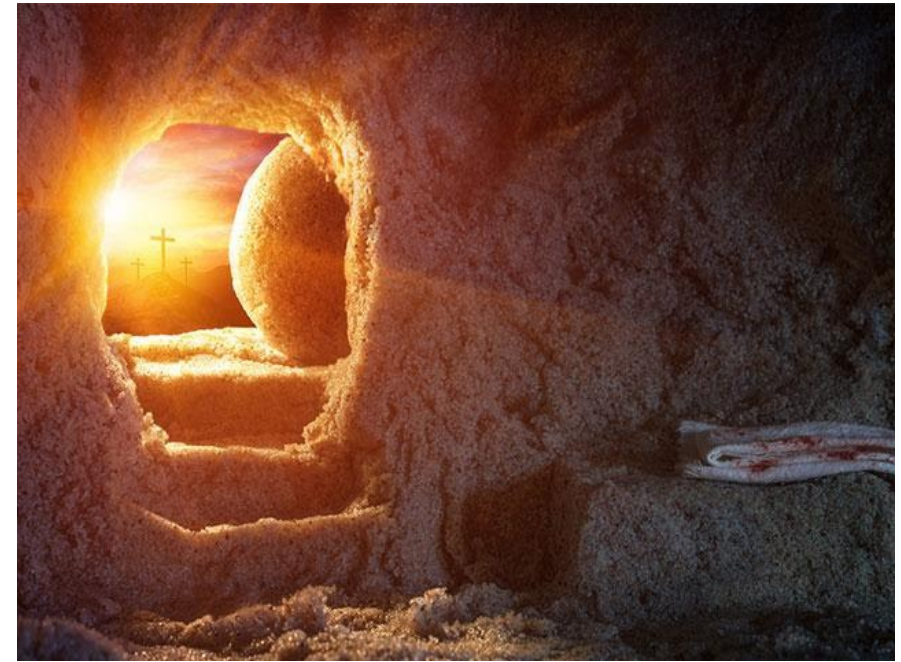
First Church and the Adapt Journey

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8:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

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Welcome

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

Bell Solo

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome today! Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

People: We walked the seashore and the hills with Jesus; we went to the upper room and to the Garden of Sorrows, we stood at the cross and hid in a room out of our fear.

Leader: Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this place!

People: Everything is bursting with life. Jesus is alive! He is risen!

Leader: Hallelujah!

All: He has risen! He has risen, indeed! Amen!

* **Opening Hymn**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302

* **Opening Prayer**

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the *light of life!* Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* **Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

Leader: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Christ is our Light!

Response: Christ is our Light!

The Easter Reading

John 20:1-18

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Thanks Be to God

Invitation to Prayer

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Because He Lives

UMH 364

Morning and Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mary

Receiving of the Gifts

Offertory

* Sung Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

* Prayer of Dedication

The Reading of the Word

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17

The Message

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Service of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

He Lives, v 1,3

UMH 310

* **Closing Hymn**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH 304

* **Benediction**

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Assoc. C.S.:

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Lay Leaders:

Pauline Luthi
Pat Mosley

Choir Director:

Dick Mackin

Pianist:

Karen Little

Worship Leader:

Jason Hawkins

Bell Director:

Sarah Ward

Junior Church:

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Keelin Kizman

Nursery:

Mike Kizman
Shayla Deering

Pineapple Director & Organist:

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Jerry & Vera Vestal

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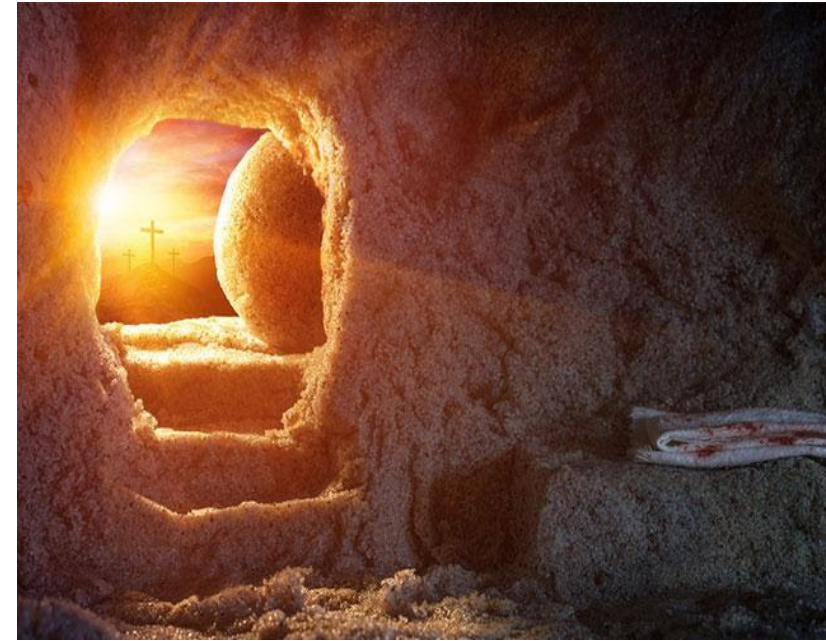
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The sanctuary, like the tomb on Easter morning, is dark. As worship begins, observe, sense, and become a part of the sanctuary *coming to life*, with the light and love of Easter!

* **Opening Hymn** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH 302
As the sanctuary comes to life and light, as the altar is “set,” this majestic hymn will begin with one voice, and then gradually, other voices and instrumentation will join in. And then finally, the congregation will be invited to sing when the words appear on the projection screens.

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An Easter Welcome Pastor Mary

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Morning and Pastoral Prayer
Sung Response *He Lives, v3*

Receiving of the Gifts
Offertory *Blessed Assurance* Bell Solo
* Sung Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95
* Prayer of Dedication

Children’s Time Pastor Donna
Following Children’s Time, children ages 1st through 5th grade are invited to go to Junior Church and children (birth through kindergarten) are very welcome in the Nursery. *Terrific* activity bags are available at the Welcome Center.

Reading of the Word
New Testament Reading *2 Corinthians 5:17*

The Message *‘Our True Identity’* Pastor Mary

Service of Holy Communion
Communion Anthem *Come to the Table* Chancel Choir

* **Closing Hymn** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH 304

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