We praise you Lord of life and death: We glorify your name: all God's people sing and dance.

This is the morning you set us free, bringing us home in love; holy morning, when you led your people through the fearsome sea:

all God's people sing and dance.

This is the morning you brought your Son through the doors of death; O holy night, when death takes flight and hope is born again.

all God's people sing and dance.

This is the morning our tears of sadness turn to shouts of joy; holy morning, when the choirs of earth sing the songs of heaven:

all God's people sing and dance.

This is the night when Christ our Light makes the darkness bright: all God's people sing and dance.

Christ is the life that knows no end. Christ is the love that burns within. Christ is the peace that floods the world. Christ is the Lord who reigns on high. All God's people sing and dance.

Amen.

**Gathering Prayer** 

# Service of Scripture & Song

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be they 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

First Reading Matthew 28.1-10, NRSVue

Refrain:

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ~John 1.4-5, NRSVue The Easter Song, W&S, 3090

Second Reading John 20.2-10, NRSVue

**Refrain Christ is Risen,** Jenny Lynn Girvan

<u>Third Reading</u> Luke 24.36-43, NRSVue Refrain Easter People Raise Your Voices, UMH, 304

<u>Fourth Reading</u> John 20.24-29, NRSVue **Refrain** *Christ is Alive*, Centenary Quintet <u>Fifth Reading</u> Matthew 28.16-20, NRSVue **Refrain** *This Glorious Day,* Diane Larson & Vicki Spear

#### Worship with the Word

Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

Worship with Listening All Glory, Laud, & Honor

## Worship with our Tithes & Offerings

<u>Musical Offertory</u> Lord I lift Your Name on High Diane Larson & Vicki Spear

### Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

<u>Hymn of Blessing</u>: **Crown Him with Many Crowns** UMH, 327

**Benediction** 

Thank You for Serving

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox	
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Musicians:	Keith Danielson, Jenny Lynn Girvan Ken &	
	Elaine Konyha, Diane Larson, Beth &	
	Steve Russell, & Vicki Spear	
Liturgist:	Beth Russell	
Tech:	Keith Danielson & Dan Girvan	

Thank You for the Alter Flowers

**Elaine Curtis** 

Patti Davidson	- Memory of Bill Bluhm
Kristin & Robert Forester	- Memory of our son Jeff
Gene & Judy Jankowski	- Memory of our son Jeff
Chuck Kiefer	- Honor of Nancy Kiefer
Elaine & Ken Konyha	
Dan & Jenny Lynn Girvan	
Jim & Susan MacGregor	<ul> <li>Memory of Lois Ayers</li> <li>&amp; Our Parents</li> </ul>
Roy & Robin Martens	- Memory of Ted Reser
Juanita Pierman	
George Richey	- Memory of Suzanne Richey
	- Memory of Michael Richey
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# We Gather Together

<u>Prelude</u>

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Congregational Song Morning Has Broken UMH, 145

**Gathering Prayer** 

<u>Congregational Song</u> Christ the Lord is Risen Today UMH, 302

Welcome & Announcements

Christ has risen! Christ has risen, indeed!

Words of Gathering Choirs of angels, stars, and planets: all God's people sing and dance.

All creation, Church of God: all God's people sing and dance.