

Order of Worship  
Easter Sunday  
April 4, 2021

Prelude (Simon)

Call to Worship/Invocation/The Lord's Prayer (Carleen)

Opening Hymn: #205, Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Welcome and Announcements (Carleen)

Scripture Reading:

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

25:6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

8 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Luke 24: 1-12; 36-43**

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women <sup>6</sup> were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men <sup>7</sup> said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>8</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>9</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>10</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>11</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>12</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>13</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>14</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. <sup>15</sup>

(Later, after the disciples had gathered), Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>16</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>17</sup> He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>18</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost

does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”<sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>[m]</sup><sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish,<sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

Pastoral Prayer (Laura)

Pastoral Prayer Response: Bell Choir

Invitation to the Offering (Laura)

Offertory Hymn: #210, Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer After the Offering (Laura)

Sermon: You Are Not a Ghost (Steve)

Hymn #214, Thine Is the Glory

Benediction (Steve)

“Hallelujah,” from Handel’s *Messiah*

Postlude (Simon)