April 9, 2023 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:00 AM

Opening Song Were You There Susan Navien

Gathering Words Rev. Will Burhans

Call to Worship Rev. Maeve Hammond

This morning begins in darkness and stillness; the day dawns in quiet.

Come, God, arise. Bring forth the sun from its slumber.

Friday ended with great loss and grief. The one who embodied love was crucified by those of us who fear the implications of such love.

Come, God, arise. Bring forth Jesus from the tomb.

Today is a new day. Once again light emerges from darkness, hope from despair, life from death.

Come, God, arise. Bring forth our truest selves in the light of Christ's resurrection.

Opening Hymn "Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken, like the first morning Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird Praise for the singing, praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven Like the first dewfall, on the first grass Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning Born of the one light, Eden saw play Praise with elation, praise every morning God's recreation of the new day. Scripture John 20:1-18

Reflection Rev. Maeve Hammond

Anthem Born on a New Day [1992]

Words & Music by John David/Philip Lawson Arr. Peter Knight/Easter text adapted by W. Burhans

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Will Burhans

Song of Praise "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Mortal tongues and angels say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Benediction

Rev. Maeve Hammond

Passing of the Peace

Thanks to Karen Lauterwasser for playing guitar, Christine Tresselt for leading our Sunrise Yoga and bringing coffee.

Also thanks to this early-rising portion of our church choir led by Jane Ring Frank (Minister of Worship and The Arts).

