

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Easter Sunday  
April 16, 2017

PRELUDE

Asbury Musicians

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Defeater of death!

**All: Christ is risen!**

One: Creator of community!

**All: Christ is risen!**

One: Way of hope!

**All: Christ is risen!**

One: Promise of wholeness!

**All: Christ is risen!**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

**\*HYMN**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heaven, and earth reply, Alleluia!

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

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

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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**SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION**

No. 48

Layla Grace Bosché  
Ryan Lanier Gale Edwards  
Kate Miller Perry  
Samuel Donald Povie  
Chesley Katherine Strain  
Henry Dawson White

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kathy Hodges

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Jan Durham

**\*HYMN**

*Lord of the Dance*

No. 261

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**SERMON**

**Great Expectations**

Rev. Billy Hester

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

We recognize and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given to support the mission of the church through automatic payment.

**OFFERTORY**

*Joy in the Morning*

Asbury Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Durham

**\*HYMN**

*Hymn of Promise*

No. 707

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Hester

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Hallelujah Chorus* Choir & Congregation

\* Those who are able, please stand.

\*\* Children are invited to Children's Church (K-3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

by Dorothy McRae-McMahon

**We believe in a God  
who is never confined to our imaging,  
is never in bondage to our beliefs,  
and never held fast in our dwelling places.**

**Our God is the mystery  
of Divine and human bound together,  
of power and vulnerability,  
of crucifixion and resurrection.  
Our God is the wonder of truth and compassion,  
of liberation and responsibility  
of eternal wisdom and costly grace.**

**We celebrate this God  
who leaps free of our boundaries  
in love stretching out from horizon to horizon,  
and in mercy bending deep  
into fragile human hearts.**

*We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today.  
If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers or greeters. They  
would be glad to help you. Following the service, please join us in the  
Social Hall for refreshments and fellowship.*

*We hope you have a meaningful worship experience – we hope you will  
leave Asbury Memorial today renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!*

*We thank those who gave lilies in memory and in honor of Loved Ones  
for the Easter Service.*

*The Easter Lily Cross was given in memory of Dr. Ned Downing  
and to the glory of God by the Downing family.*

EASTER

*Christ  
the Lord  
is Risen  
Today*

And the angel answered and said unto the women,  
Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was  
crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.  
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

MATTHEW 28:5-6