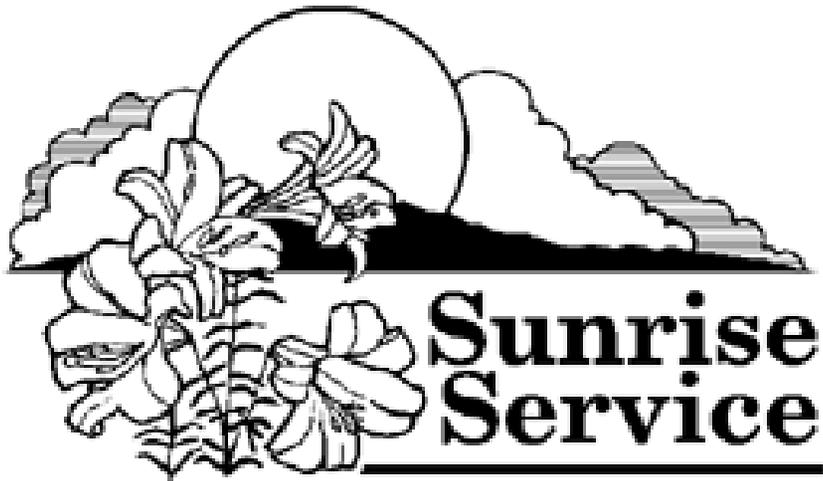


WELCOME TO THE SUNRISE SERVICE

We welcome all in attendance at our Sunrise Service this morning. Thank you for beginning your Easter with this early celebration of the resurrection. Please come to the Fellowship Hall after the service to enjoy a Bojangles biscuit with us, provided by the Purple Worship Team. We hope you will be able to join us for Sunday School and worship in the sanctuary at our regular time this morning. If not, and if you want to give your offering at this time, you will see an offering plate for your gift as you leave the Courtyard. God be with you this Easter morning!



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Zebulon Baptist Church

April 17, 2022

7 AM in The Courtyard

PRELUDE - “My Lord, What a Morning!” arr. Wilson

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Leader: Praise the Lord! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! For us the stone has been rolled away.

Leader: Welcome to God’s new day! Everywhere we look we see new life.

People: In the beauty of this place, in smiles and senses, we discover God’s energizing presence.

Leader: Death can never be the last word. God has raised Christ from Death to new life.

People: Christ is alive and present among us today and forever. Praise God! The new life within and among us this Easter morning.

Unison: Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

*EASTER HYMN MEDLEY

Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Alleluia!

Sons of men 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!

Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O Grave? Alleluia!

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior!

Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

Chorus: Up from the grave He arose,

with a mighty triumph o’er His foes,

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

and he lives forever with His Saints to reign.

He arose! He arose!

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!

He tore the bars away, Jesus, My Lord!

Chorus

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC— “Was It a Morning Like This?” Doris Pearce

MESSAGE — “A Surprise Ending” Mark 16:1-18
Dr. Michael Cogdill

CLOSING HYMN— “We Welcome Glad Easter”

*We welcome glad Easter when Jesus arose,
and won a great victory over His foes.*

*Chorus: Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,
bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.*

*We tell how the women came early that day,
and there at the tomb found the stone rolled away.*

Chorus

*We sing of the angel who said: “Do not fear!
Your Savior is risen, and He is not here.”*

Chorus

*We think of the promise which Jesus did give:
“That he who believes in Me also shall live!”*

Chorus

RESPONSIVE SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

Leader: May we go from this place and joyfully bear witness to our living Lord Jesus,

People: Through eyes of faith, we have surely witnessed moments of dying and rising, of suffering transformed to joy and peace.

Leader: May the Spirit give us boldness to share what we believe and experience.

People: May we be daily renewed by the Spirit of the Risen Christ that we might tell others the powerful meaning of “the third day.”

Leader: The peace of the crucified and risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord, be with you, now and forevermore.

People: And also with you.

Unison: Alleluia! Christ is alive indeed!

POSTLUDE— “Christ Is Alive” arr. Payne