



**Sunrise
Service**

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Zebulon Baptist Church
April 9, 2023
7 A.M. in The Courtyard

PRELUDE - “The Morning of the Third Day” L. Smith
Cindy Carver, Pianist

WELCOME

THE STORY OF RESURRECTION John 20:1-18

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ has risen indeed!

Leader: God is alive; new birth is given.

People: Hope is alive, a new age is dawning.

Leader: Joy is alive; redemption is here.

People: Love is alive, death cannot harm us.

Leader: We are alive; new life is within us.

People: The church is alive; God’s Spirit is within us.

Leader: Welcome to God’s new day. See new life all around you.

People: God has raised Jesus from the dead. Christ is present with us.

Unison: Praise God for the new life among us today. Alleluia and Amen!

*HYMN OF JOY — “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*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC— “What a Beautiful Name” Lovey Rogers

MESSAGE — “A Surprise Ending” John 20:1-17
Dr. Michael Cogdill

CLOSING HYMN— “Christ Is Risen”

*Christ is risen, Christ is living, dry your tears be unafraid.
Death and darkness could not hold Him, nor the tomb in which He lay.
Do not look among the dead for One who lives forevermore;
Tell the world that Christ is risen, make it known He goes before.*

*If the Lord had never risen, we’d have nothing to believe;
But his promise can be trusted, “You will live because I live.”
As we share the death of Adam, so in Christ we live again.
Death has lost its sting and terror, God’s great love has come to reign.*

*Death has lost its old dominion, let the world rejoice and shout,
Christ, the firstborn of the living, gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God who causes hope to spring up from the ground.
Christ is risen, Christ is giving life eternal, life profound.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE— “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” arr. Hayes
Cindy Carver, Pianist

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 sausage 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 times this morning. If you would like to make an 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!