

SPARTA

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

April 20, 2025 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.

Easter

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today

by Sy Brandon

Tune Name: LYRA DAVIDICA (Charles Wesley) Co-op Press © 2008

French Horn: Jim Robinson~Trumpet: Joe Romano~Trombone: Tom Kamp

\*Call to Worship

The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done

UMH 306

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Strife is o’er, the battle done;

The victory of life is won

The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

On this glorious Easter Day, we have come to celebrate the greatness of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. On this great day, we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. My brothers and sisters, let us rejoice.

The three sad days have quickly spread  
He rises glorious from the dead;  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

On this most holy of days, the One whom the powers of his day had thought to destroy has risen triumphant from the tomb! My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
From death’s dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Opening Prayer  
God of the resurrection, we gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news: Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life in the name of your Son! May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

\*Opening Song

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

UMH 315

Verses 1, 4, and 5

Words of Welcome

Bell Anthem

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

arr. Patricia Hurlbutt, GIA, ©2018

A Time for Young Disciples

Choir Anthem

Let the Trumpet Sound

Words & Music by Natalie Sleeth

Incorporating Tune: NOEL NOUVELET

Arranged by John Leavitt--Hinshaw Music Inc. © 2021

Trumpet: Joe Romano

Gospel Lesson

Mark 16: 1-8

The Message

The Rest of the Story

The Easter Offering

Offertory

Drei Symphonien

by Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

I.

II.

III.

arranged by Mark Tezak--Mark Tezak & Co. © 1986

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Prayer for Easter Morning

\*Closing Song

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

UMH 302

Verses 1 through 4

\*Stand if able

\*Sending Forth

Postlude *Christ Arose* by Robert Lowry (1874)  
Tune: CHRIST AROSE  
arranged by Dana F. Everson--David E. Smith Publications © 2007

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***COME AS YOU ARE . . .YOU ARE WELCOME!***

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*The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*  
Words: Anon. Latin, 1695; trans. by Francis Pott, 1861;  
Music: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1591; arr. by W.H. Monk, 1861

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*  
Words: John of Damascus; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1859;  
Music: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1872

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*  
Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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