

The Order of Worship

Easter 2009

Minister: Rev. James Adams

Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink

Lay Leader: Gary Brown

Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd

Music Director: Rebecca Haywood

Secretary: Vickie Ellis

Bold Print indicates a congregational response * Indicates to stand, if able

Gathering Before God

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Video Call to Worship

It's Friday

(As you prepare for worship, please take this time to register your attendance with us today. If you are visiting today, please know that you are welcome and we would like to get to know you better. If you have any questions about our church, please speak to Rev. Adams after the service)

* Processional Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* No. 302 (1-4)

* Opening Prayer All

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies.

This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

* Time of Greeting and Fellowship

Hearing God's Word

Children's Sermon

Debbie Walker

Choir Cantata

And the Son Arose

Brymer, Berry & Holmes

Dawn's Early Light *with* Lamb of God

The Chosen One

He is Blessed

The Temple

The Lord's Supper *with* Remembrance

The Betrayal

The Crucifixion *with* Tree of Sorrow

The Tomb *with* Lamb of God (Reprise)

And the Son Arose.

Today's Message

“When the Fog Lifts”

Rev. Adams

Responding to God's Word

* An Affirmation of Faith

No. 883

Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer – Lord's Prayer

At the beginning of the prayer time, as the accompanist plays, you are invited to come to the altar and pray—alone or with Rev. Adams. If you would like for Rev. Adams to pray with you, simply turn your palms up.

Offertory

Debbie Mink

* Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Serving God in the World

* Benediction and Sending Forth

* Final Song Easter People, Raise Your Voices

No. 304 (vs. 1)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today:

10:55 Morning Worship

Monday, April 13

6:00 Financial Peace University

Wednesday, April 15

6:00 Bible Study

Thursday, April 16

10:00 Sewing Circle

6:00 U.M.M.

6:30 Girl Scout Leaders

Saturday, April 18

2:00 Greta Gilbert's Baby Shower-Conference Room

Nursery Volunteer for Today, April 12 – Robin Clark

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, April 19 – Susan Holderby

No Children's Church for Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday

Children's Church for Sunday, April 19 -

Acolytes for Today, April 12 – Beth Burchett, Andrew Burchett

Acolytes for Sunday, April 19 – Nicholas Garrett, Owen Greene

Ushers for April – Paul Burchett, Rob Herrick, Paul Honeycutt, Tom Smith

Greeters for Today, April 12 – Tom & Robin Smith

Greeters for Sunday, April 19 – Julie Paxton & Anna Onkst

Attendance for Sunday, April 5 Morning Worship-104, Sunday School-32.

If you purchased a Lily or Tulip for Easter, please pick them up after worship and take them home.

A special "Thank You" to all you helped prepare food for the lunch on Monday for the Holy Week service.

For more announcements, see insert inside.