

Solomons United Methodist Church
April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday He Is Risen!





Order of Worship



Welcome

*Hymn and Entrance of the Light of Christ

Hymn #302

Christ the Lord is Risen Today [v. 1-4]

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Almighty God,
Through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
by the renewing of your Spirit,
arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

Pew Bible, page 882

Hymn

Forever

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Sermon

Rev. Dottie Yunger

Hymn of Preparation

Easter People Raise Your Voices see screen/UMH# 304

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Offertory

Hymnal 94

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving
for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us.

When our faith is short of understanding
though the truth is there to see, forgive us.

When our faith, beset by doubt, sees
no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us.

Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!'
and grant us faith to believe!

~ written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship.

**Please stand as you are able*

The Great Thanksgiving

Friends, let us come out of the darkness and join together in the light of God's love. You are invited to this table of life as we join with each other and seek communion with God.

God is with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God! You created the world by speaking life into being. You placed within us and within each plant and animal of your creation amazing abilities to form and nurture new life, so that your creation might be renewed, reborn, season by season, child by child.

You covenanted with your people and gave them Law that showed the way of Life—a path of peace, justice, mercy, reverence, love.

You provided wise men and women as judges for your people to show them the path to Life.

You called forth prophets who dared to speak the truth of Life to worldly powers that promoted death.

You sent Jesus, your Son, to walk in the way of Life—that we might follow. He suffered and died because of his refusal to participate in the death-dealing violence of the world. He rose again in victory because the powers of death cannot overcome the Divine power of Life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of Life, and holy is Jesus Christ, your Son, the resurrected One.

You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells,
to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.

Revealing your love, radiating your life, Jesus taught those who listened to him,
healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him.

He enacted peace in the midst of violence, love in the face of hate,
He offered Divine Life to all people suffering under worldly forces of death.

We thank you, God, for the incredible gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Through his resurrection Life you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people.

It is as the renewed, redeemed, enlivened people of God
that we gather this morning and remember together that . . .

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Longing to experience and share the fullness of Life that you offer, we take these gifts that you have given us, this bread and this cup, and celebrate with joy the eternal Life offered to us through Jesus Christ.

Accept our praise and thanksgiving,
accept our lives as holy offerings to you,
that in losing our life we might find true Life
and proclaim the Resurrected Christ who offers life to all.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who seek to follow in his life-giving way, that we may further your reign of peace and justice in every place.

In the eating of this bread, as Christ's body, and in the sharing of this cup, as Christ's blood, we invite your life to fill us; we invite your Spirit to lead us ever more faithfully to be the body of Christ in the world. All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. **Amen.**

As we prepare to eat the meal, let us share together the proclamation of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Adapted by Joanna Harader from Spacious Faith

****Communion**

Lord of the Dance

Hymnal 261

***Communion is open to everyone in attendance. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the juice provided for you. We offer gluten-free communion, please let us know when you come forward.*

Children's Time with Pastor Dottie

***Closing Hymn**

My Redeemer Lives

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***Benediction**

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World and Postlude**