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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 – 10:30 am

Resurrection of Jesus

**You are invited to say or sing the bold print*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Fantasia in G (BWV 572) -- J.S. Bach

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

For thousands of years, there have been people here. We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the people with whom the Three Fires Confederacy: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, was agreed upon.

We accept our responsibility as Treaty people on this territory wherein Collier Street United resides.

We honor the heritage and stewardship of this land.

As we gather to worship and work at Collier Street United,

we recognize that we have assembled on sacred ground,

a traditional gathering place for many peoples of Turtle Island.

We commit to honoring the covenantal relationship with the First Peoples: Métis, Huron Wendat and Inuit.

We move forward with reconciliation and good relations with all people.

LIGHTING OF THE WORSHIP CANDLE (responsive)

Pat Edmonds

They went to the tomb, just as the sun was beginning to rise.

Eyes downcast, hearts heavy.

But what they found there, shone in their lives forever.

Not the shadow of death, but the new Light!

As Easter people we follow the light of Christ!

CANDLE SONG: VU #82 “A Light Is Gleaming” (refrain)

LIVING IN THE LIGHT

WELCOME & NEWS

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favored.**

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED: *(responsive)*

Pat Edmonds

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.
Christ is risen.

Christ Is Risen Indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

Christ Is Risen Indeed!

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord
is with us now and always. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN VU#175 "This Is the Day That God Has Made"

EASTER JOY

OPENING PRAYER *(responsive)*

Pat Edmonds

O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We
seek to know you, to see you, to touch you.

Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew.

**Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your
resurrection.**

We confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but
are caught in the worries of the world.

**Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and
reconciliation, restoration and peace.**

**May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating
love to all people, everywhere. Amen.**

^WORDS OF NEW LIFE:

ANTHEM: "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" -- Gordon Young

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART- Surprise! Pat Edmonds

*HYMN: VU#179 "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks"

Alleluia No. 1

WE GROW TOGETHER

^EASTER MESSAGE:

Anne Snell

We have come today to hear again the marvelous, joyful message of Easter morning, a
story and message we have heard many times. Today I have invited a special guest,

Mary Magdalene, who was there, who witnessed with her own eyes the events of Holy Week and Easter morning to tell the story. Scriptures, prayers and hymns will be included in her story-telling. Please watch the screen and respond when indicated.

First Reading: Easter Returns – Luke 23:55 – 24:3

Reflection: *I Witness*

Unison Prayer:

God of mystery, we have made it here on Easter morning, seeking to find you. We *know* the Easter story yet we do not always *understand* what is happening. Open our hearts to be surprised, just as the women were when they found the tomb empty. Amen.

Hymn – VU # 166 “Joy Comes with the Dawn”

Second Reading: Perplexed and dazzled – Luke 24.3-5

Reflection continues: *I Witness*

Hymn: VU # 144 “Were You There” verses 1 ,5

Unison Prayer:

God of mystery, we can understand why those women were perplexed. We know the Easter story but we do not understand *how* things happened as that day dawned. Yet your gift of hope is dazzling to us, too. We would like to believe that death is not the end. And so we sing our song in hope:

Sung Response: VU page 939 – Memorial Acclamation - **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Third Reading: Remember? Luke 24.5b-11

Reflection continues: *I Witness*

Unison Prayer:

God of Mystery, why do we remember so clearly the good times – the meals and laughter with friends but fail to recall the other times. We were told but refused to believe Jesus had to die. Why could he not continue to live among us? Amen

Hymn : VU # 382 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” verses 1, 4

Reflection continues: The never-ending story of Easter

Hymn: VU # 169 “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

Pat Edmonds

OFFERTORY HYMN: VU # 537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

OFFERING DEDICATION: unison

God of great gifts: This morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come!

Amen.

(Written by Carol Penner, and posted on Leading in Worship)

AN EASTER PRAYER: followed by singing The Lord’s Prayer VU # 960

WE GO TO BE GOD’S PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

^HYMN: VU#155 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

EASTER HUMN

^BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Go Now in Peace”

Don Besig

POSTLUDE: Let the Bright Seraphim (from "Samson") -- Georg Frideric Handel

(We remain grateful for the offerings given today and electronically)

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Welcome to Worship at Collier Street United Church.

We are glad you have joined us today in person and online, our worship leaders are:

Pat Edmonds, LLWL - Guest Worship Leader/Preacher

Anne Snell – Scripture Reader

John Charles (Music Director) & Senior Choir – Music leadership

Terry Tizzard & Mark Sporich – Audio & Visual Projections