

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023
United Presbyterian Church, Bloomington
Order of Worship

Prelude – A Simple Song – L. Bernstein

Darius Bennett, tenor Benjamin Watkins, piano

Greeting – Alejandra Haddad, liturgist

Grace to you and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ who is risen!

He is risen indeed.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118) – Alejandra Haddad, liturgist

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

God's love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the Lord he answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

God's love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;

God's love endures forever.

We will not die but live and will proclaim what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

God's love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Opening Hymn** – *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* #113

Prayer of Confession

As we celebrate God's great love in the joy of Christ's resurrection, let us confess our sins to God.

In unison with the liturgist:

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed down before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Reverend VanderZee

"Death has been swallowed up in victory"

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
**But thanks be to God who give us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer of Illumination – Rev. John VanderZee

Scriptures Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1–12 (pew Bible p808; large print p1629)

Arabic – Souheil Haddad Dutch – Jan Berend Heitink

Spanish – Alejandra Haddad Twi – Patrick Nyarko

English – Rev. John VanderZee

Reverend: The word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *With Fear and Great Joy* Reverend John VanderZee

Music for Meditation

Gloria from Mass for Five Voices—W. Byrd The UPC Quartet with Darius Bennett

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed in unison with Reverend VanderZee
I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Today is the final One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.
OGHS envelopes are in the Narthex.

***Closing Hymn** Thine Is the Glory #122

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend John VanderZee

THE POSTLUDE

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

*Stand if you are able