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Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Carol Barrett

Prelude

I Danced in the Morning
Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship

Elder Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Liturgist: This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Liturgist: That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Liturgist: He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Liturgist: At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

***Opening Hymn:** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!* #123

Music for Meditation

Gloria-Tallis The UPC Quartet

Call for Confession (Liturgist)

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Trusting in God's love and mercy, let us confess our sin:

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Hear now our silent confession . . . Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness (Rev. Barrett)

Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: God sends this message of joy to all people, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Let us share this holy peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.



Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist)

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gospel Lesson *Luke 24:1–12* (pew Bible p808; large print p1629)

Arabic – Fadi Haddad Dutch – Jan Berend Heitink Fante – Matthew Quansmat

French – Vera Heitink German – Gerrit Heitink Spanish – Alejandra Haddad

Twi – Patrick Nyarko English – Rev. Carol Barrett

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

Sermon *Looking in Through Tears* Rev. Carol Barrett

***HYMN:** *Christ Is Alive!* #108

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From A Brief Statement of Faith – led by Rev. Barrett

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer – Elder Alejandra Haddad

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 for the Offering – Elder Alejandra Haddad

In the spirit of the first believers, we're called to share goods in common and contribute to the needs of the poor with glad and generous hearts. Let us bring to God our gifts and offerings.

[Final day of One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering]

Offertory

My Lord, What a Morning (arr. Burleigh) The UPC Quartet

**Doxology #592*

Prayer of Dedication

Elder: Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us and brought us into this Day of Resurrection.

People: **We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth.**

Elder: We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness.

People: **By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life, and all we have may show forth his love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.**

***Hymn:** *Thine Is the Glory!* #122

Charge and Benediction Reverend Carol Barrett

Pastor: May the steadfast love of the Lord be yours, this day and forever.

People: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Pastor: Do not be afraid. Go and tell this good news to all.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *He Lives!*

Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

The people of Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Middle East, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine