

Announcements

WELCOME to all visitors and friends – those worshipping with us for the first time and those returning. We hope you feel at home in our midst. We invite you back to the church following this Sunrise Service to either our 8:15 AM or 10:30 AM Worship Services and to our Easter Breakfast at 9:15 AM.

Worship leaders: Members of St. Paul's Youth Group
Rev. John Ward-Diorio, Pastor, St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Thanks to everyone who got up little early to be here and participate.

The Meditation at the beginning is from let justice roll down: A Worship Resource for Lent, Holy Week and Easter, compiled by Geoffrey Duncan, 2003, The Pilgrim Press.

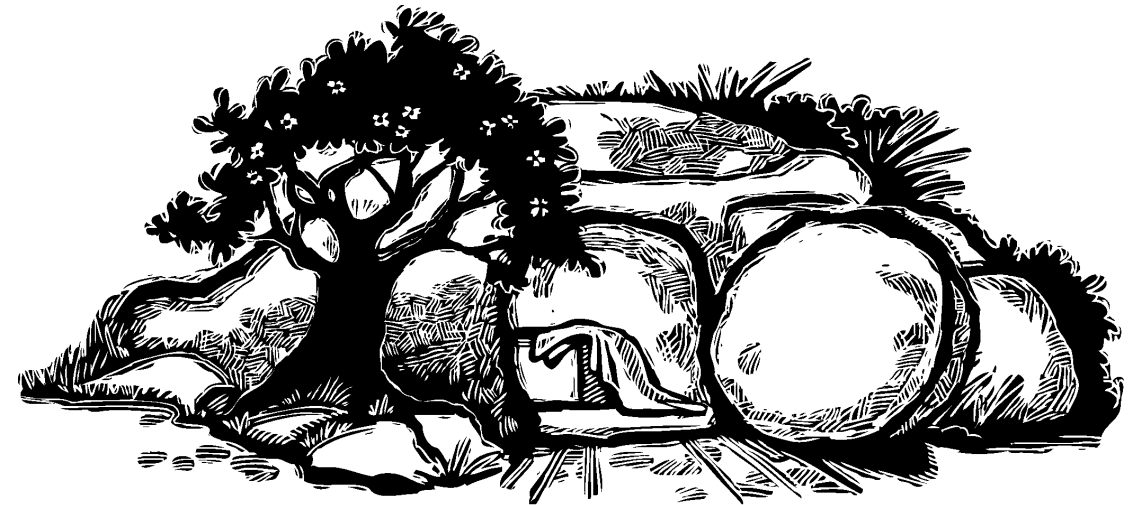
The Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation (with very slight adaptations) are from Flames of the Spirit, edited by Ruth C. Duck, 1985 The Pilgrim Press.

The Meditation that the Youth is doing is from Reaching For Rainbows, by Ann Weems, 1980, The Westminster Press.

The last hymn, "Lord of the Dance" was written by Sydney Carter and uses the tune from the Shaker hymn "Simple Gifts."

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GOD IS STILL SPEAKING



No Matter Who You Are, or Where You Are on Life's Journey You are Welcome Here!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 04, 2010

6:30 AM

PASTORAL PRAYER

SIMPSON PARK PAVILION

MEDITATION

“Lord of the Dance”

Youth Group

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MEDITATION: **God’s New Life for the Whole World**

Beth Pirtle

May the God whose power breaks through the stone,
Break into your life and free you from all that binds you;
May the Risen Christ whose love is stronger than death
Speak your name and bring you new life and joy;
The Spirit who walks the road with you
Give you wisdom to understand and courage to share
God’s new life for the whole world.

Heather Pencavel, England

HYMN

“Lord of the Dance”

(see insert)

BENEDICTION

Audrey Runkle

“So now may you leave this place with hearts of love and peace. May you find the grace never to sell yourself short; grace to risk something big for something good; grace to remember that the world now is too dangerous for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love. So may Love take your minds and think through them; may Love take your lips and speak through them; may Love take your hearts and grant them peace.” Amen. The Rev. Dr. Donald Hodgson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP(responsive)

Beth Pirtle and Kevin Rudisill

Leader: Welcome to God’s new day!

People: Everywhere we look we see new life!

Leader: In seeds and buds, in smiles and touch, we discover God’s energizing presence.

People: Death can never be the last word.

Leader: God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is present among us today.
Christ Has Risen!

People: Christ Has Risen Indeed!

All: Praise God for new life within and among us this day! Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Kevin Rudisill

Dear God, this past week has been one of mixed emotions; of faith struggling to understand. We have greeted You with palm branches; we have sat at table with You to share a farewell meal. We have witnessed Your death on a simple wood cross. Yet on the third day, You come to us again alive. By this, we know that death is not the final word. As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, rise in our lives this Easter morning, for You are our hope, our life, and our joy. Amen.

HYMN

“Morning Has Broken” (see insert)

Led by Katelyn Chamberlain & Mike Brown

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

Clayton Pirtle, Chelsey Wirth,
Jeff Dundore, Mike Brown,
Ashley Bergstresser, Ally Moyer,
Erin Moyer

Because the tomb is empty your life can be full. So go into every place and every day a people brimming with the love of God. Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed. Live for the risen Christ, as Christ lives in you. Alleluia and Amen.

