

**Easter Sunday**  
**March 23, 2008**

**GATHERING WITH JOY**

**Prelude**

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” arr. Kerr  
“Variations on ‘Victory’” (P.H. #391) arr. Linker  
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” arr. Schaffner

**Welcome**

**Scripture reading: Matthew 28:1-6a**

**Anthem “Christ Has Risen”** Getty

**\*Opening hymns**

**#388:1-4 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

**#405:1,3 “I Serve a Risen Savior”**

*(Ushers available for seating)*

**\*God's greeting and greeting each other**

**\*Hymn #396:1,3 “Low in the Grave Christ Lay”**

**Scripture reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

**Anthem “Christus Paradox”** Fedak

**Scripture readings: I Corinthians 15:54-57**

**Prayer**

Lord of life, by your mighty resurrection you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new. Grant that we who celebrate Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from our sin to live a life of righteousness. Amen.

**Song “In Christ Alone”**

2001 Thankyou Music (CCLI #225774)

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died;  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on him was laid:  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no human plan,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

**Morning prayer: John Netland**

**Pastoral Blessing**

*(Children Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may be escorted to Children in Worship)*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture:** John 20:19-23 (page 991)

**Message:** The Breath of Re-Creation

**RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE**

**\*Hymn #402:1,2,4**

**“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”**

**Our gifts to the Lord:** Ministries of Brookside and Faith Promise/Missions

**Offertory**

“Alleuia! Alleluia! Alleluia!” arr. VanHulse

**\*God's blessing**

**\*Closing song**

**“Hallelujah Chorus”** George F. Handel  
(Anyone who would like to join the choir in singing is encouraged to come forward during the offering. Extra copies of the music are available.)

**Postlude**

“Christus Paradox” arr. Young

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Organist: Bev Becksvort

Pianists: Janet Vroegop, Rebecca Klamer

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