



Mountainside United Methodist Church

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10:00 a.m. Easter Service

Celebration of Easter

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that God blesses you with His presence as you have blessed us with yours. You may light a candle with a prayer for yourself, your loved ones, or for a concern you have in your community or the world. You may do so before the service or during the worship songs.

**Indicates congregation standing as able*

*One voice	The Mourning	John 20:1
*Hymn	“Up From the Grave He Arose”	UMH 322 st. 1 (no chorus)
*One voice	The Investigation	John 20: 2 – 10
*Hymn	“Up From the Grave He Arose”	UMH 322 st. 2 (no chorus)
*One Voice	The Encounter	John 20: 11 – 17
*Hymn	“Up From the Grave He Arose”	UMH 322 st. 3 and chorus
*The Easter Proclamation (3x)		
L: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!		
Congregation: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!		
*Opening Hymn	“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”	On Screen
Baptism of Margaret Elizabeth Dennis		UMH 33
<i>(Children are invited to come forward and stand near the pastor during the baptism.)</i>		
Anthem	<i>He Rolled Away the Stone</i> Sharp	Mountainside UMC Choir
Scripture	John 20: 18	
Hymn	“Christ Is Alive”	UMH 318
Sermon	“April Fools”	Pastor Mills

Call to Prayer

Liturgist One in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit, as you move us to pray for the church and the world. That we, with Mary Magdalene may proclaim the gospel boldly:

Congregation: Hear us, O God.

Liturgist That we may offer your healing for all who are sick, or torn, or weary:

Congregation: Hear us, O God.

Liturgist That many dead and left for dead may be raised, and death's power vanquished:

Congregation: Hear us, O God.

Liturgist That all who are unclean may receive your cleansing grace:

Congregation: Hear us, O God.

Liturgist That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed, depressed and downcast may be set free at last.

Congregation: Hear us, O God.

Joys and Concerns

Bob VanAllen

Pastor: Even so, Lord Jesus, come and fill our hearts with the prayer that you taught your disciples:

The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Pastor You are at peace with God in Jesus Christ. Share Christ's peace now with one another, and the fruits of your loving labor with all the world.

Offering

Offertory

Rondeau by Jean-Joseph Mouret

Dee Short
Karen Blackmore

*Doxology

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Closing Hymn

“Thine Be the Glory”

UMH 308

*Sending Forth

Pastor

Go in peace, filled with the love and power of the Risen Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Congregation:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Assisting in Worship Today:

Bob VanAllen, Liturgist
Mountainside Choir
Dee Short, Organist

Karen Blackmore, Accompanist
Vera Kleinhenz, Choir Director
Scott Grutzik, Trumpet
Sue Walter, Trombone
Tim Kleinhenz, Guitar
David Edwards, Percussion
Pat Luna, Handbell Coordinator
