

The Lord Is Risen Indeed!

Easter Sunday

March 23, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

(* indicates congregation will please stand)

PRAISE TO OUR RISEN LORD

Prelude: *Alive Forever Amen*

Welcome-Pastor Tom Niehof

* Our Easter Shout of Praise:

Christ is Risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to our God, forever and ever!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

* Opening Hymn: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* #388, *Psalter Hymnal*

* Opening Prayer-Pastor Bob De Boer

* Passing the Peace of Christ

* Song of Praise: *Lord Most High* #47, *Sing! a new creation*

WITNESSES TO OUR RISEN LORD

A Disciple's Remembrance

Hymn: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* #402, stanza 1, *Psalter Hymnal*

Cleopas' Testimony

Hymn: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* #402, stanza 2, *Psalter Hymnal*

Thomas' Testimony

Hymn: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* #402, stanza 3, *Psalter Hymnal*

A Disciple's Remembrance

Our Response: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* #402, stanzas 4 and 5,
Psalter Hymnal

GUIDANCE FROM OUR RISEN LORD

Gospel Reading/Sermon Text: John 20:1-18 (p. 1000)

Song: *In Christ Alone* (see insert)

Easter Message: **Seeing and Believing**

* Song of Response: *Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord* #401, *Psalter Hymnal*
(sing three times, first in English, then in Spanish, and last
in English)

COMMITMENT TO OUR RISEN LORD

* *The Apostles' Creed*

Do you believe in God the Father?

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting! Amen.

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Majesty and Glory of Your Name* by Fettke

* Parting Blessing:

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Let us bless our Lord!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

May the God of peace, who raised to life the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever!

Amen! Alleluia!

* Parting Songs of Praise: *He Reigns* (see insert)

Alive Forever Amen (see insert)

Accompanists: Sue Bokhoven, Jill Friend, Eric Ishamaru

Message: Rev. Bob De Boer, Rev. Tom Niehof