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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

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EASTER SUNRISE

LITURGICAL COLOR: BURLAP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Debra

GREETING¹

Pastor Debra

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord. My Brothers and sisters in Christ; on this most holy morning in which Jesus the Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the church to celebrate. This is the Passover of the Christ in which we share in Christ’s victory over death. Let us reflect on these things as the light of Christ returns to the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP²

L: Do Not Wee! Do not Mourn! There is great good news today!

C: Christ the Lord is risen today!

L: Put away your garments of mourning and let God’s love flood into your lives.

C: Christ the Lord is risen today!

L: No more do we have to fear the darkness; it has been overcome by God’s light. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER³

God of Life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify us and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ’s rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light. **AMEN.**

***HYMN NO. 302**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 9: 11-14; 1 Peter 1: 13-19

Pastor Angela

SERMON

“There is Power in the Blood”

Pastor Angela

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive,
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because he lives all fear is gone,
Because I know he hold the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a new born baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because he lives.

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because he lives all fear is gone,
Because I know he hold the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because he lives all fear is gone,
Because I know he hold the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Angela

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN NO. 177

"He Is Lord"

HE IS LORD

He is Lord, He is Lord,
He has risen from the dead and is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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He has risen from the dead and is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

¹United Methodist Book of Worship, The United Methodist Publishing House, 1992, pg. 371

² <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3683>

³ United Methodist Book of Worship, The United Methodist Publishing House, 1992, pg. 371