

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Serving the Meal - Special Music – “Hallelujah”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE– “Something Beautiful” #394 UMH

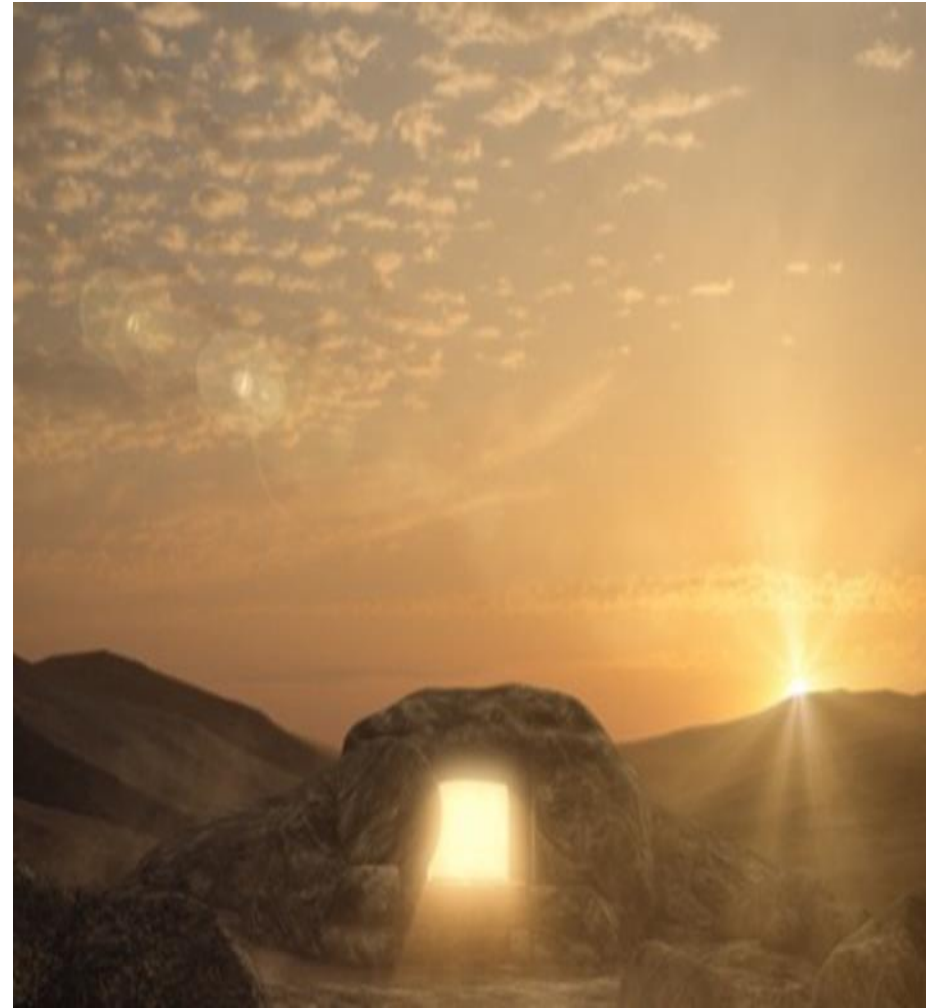
PASSING THE PEACE

Hymns can be found in the *TFWS – The Faith We Sing* and *UMH- United Methodist Hymnal*

***Please stand as you are able.**

Luke 24:1-12

24But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.



CHELTENHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Easter Sun Rise Service
April 2, 2017**

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ALL: Almighty God, we would be lying to you and deceiving ourselves if we pretended to be joyful and satisfied this morning. We are not. The violent pain Christ Jesus endured makes us want to hide and wait until it is over. Yet, in the miracle of grace, you have drawn us to come together this morning.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, why are we here today?

PEOPLE: To tell what Jesus did in the midst of our brokenness.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, why are we here today?

PEOPLE: To give our praise in the midst of our pain.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, why are we here today?

PEOPLE: To seek the Lord and give God our praise.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, why are we here today?

PEOPLE: To join with the families of the earth as we worship the Holy One.

Leader: The darkness is over! The light of Resurrection shines on our path.

PEOPLE: We walk to the tomb expecting to mourn, but our mourning is turned to dancing.

Leader: Jesus Christ is alive and lives forevermore!

PEOPLE: Praise be to God for the victory!

Leader: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: Christ is risen indeed! AMEN.

***HYMN:** *“Up From the Grave He Arose” #322 UMH*

***OPENING PRAYER:**

The sun is barely rising above the horizon, yet our hearts are soaring in its light with the good news of Christ's resurrection. Dawn brings our souls to dancing. The chill of the morning cannot dampen our spirits as we shout “Christ is risen!” Hallelujah! AMEN.

*** HYMN:** *“In the Garden” #314 UMH*

THE SYMBOLS OF EASTER

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 24:1-12

***HYMN:** *“He Lives” #310 UMH*

SERMON - *“After the Storm”*

SHARING THE MEAL:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing.... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

PEOPLE: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. *(continued on the back)*