

Pre-Service Music

Welcome Pastor Julie

Prayer for Illumination¹ Pastor Julie

Prelude Fanfare on “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” Paul Fey

Time for Wonder (Julie) John 1:1-4, 14

Scripture Reading John 20:1-10 Connie Herbon

Hymn 241 “Woman, Weeping in the Garden” *verses 1-2*

Scripture Reading John 20:11-17 Margaret Clark

Hymn “Who Are You Looking For?” text: Anna Strickland
Tune: “This Is My Father’s World”

1. Who are you looking for?
A body in the tomb?
The grave is death but God has breath
The Spirit’s wings need room
Who are you looking for?
He is not here but raised
The empty tomb is now a womb
Christ lives! Let God be praised!

2. Who are you looking for?
The man of Galilee?
He is not here but always near
Lift up your head and see
Who are you looking for?
Your rabbi and your friend
Is God in flesh who conquered death
Whose reign is without end

Scripture Reading John 20:19-20 Cyd Grafft

Choir Anthem "Alleluia! Christ is Risen"

Scripture Reading John 20:24-28 Eric Braley

Hymn 610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” *verses 1-2*

Scripture Reading John 20:29-31 Sandy Jensen

Reflection Pastor Julie

¹ Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Affirmation of Faith²

Cyd Grafft

One: Whether we shout in confidence, whisper in trust,
or simply rest in the faithful proclamation of our neighbors,
we join in the ancient praise that echoes across generations:

ALL: Hallelujah! The tomb is empty and Love is alive.

One: Even when we seek signs of hope but only find cause for sorrow, we believe

ALL: Love is still with us!

One: Even when evil seems to have the upper hand, destroying life and hoarding resources,
threatening all who will not bow before it, we believe

ALL: Love lives in us!

One: Even when we are afraid, for ourselves, our communities, our world...
or when life as we know it has been turned upside down, we believe

ALL: Love remains!

One: In all things, through all things,

ALL: Love will persist. Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

Hymn 232

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

verses 1-2

Prayers of the People

Pastor Julie

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Creator in heaven, holy is your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation and Dedication

Cyd Grafft

Doxology 606

Our Life Together

Pastor Julie

Sending Hymn 248

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Blessing and Charge

Pastor Julie

Postlude

Trumpet Tune on “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

David Lasky

² Source: *Liturgy that Matters* adapted by Julie Erkel Hagee

Order of Worship
Easter

A Service of Readings and Hymns
John 20

First Pres. Cedar Falls
March 31, 2024

We're glad you joined us today!

Join us in-person or on Facebook live every Sunday at 10:00am
and on CFU cable channel 18 every Thursday evening at 6:00pm

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