

## \*Call to Worship

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Leader: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**People: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

Leader: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

**People: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**

Leader: The good news is dancing!

**People: The good news is on the loose!**

Leader: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

**People: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**

Leader: Let us worship our good-news Christ.

\*Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison):

**Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid. And we don't know where to look. And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias." We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray, Amen.**

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias," we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

**People: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Congregational Response "Glory to God" (back cover Hymnal)

### \*Passing of the Peace

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## Prayer for Illumination

**First Reading** Jeremiah 31:1-6

**Anthem** "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" (Arr. Mark Hayes)

### Children's Time

**Second Reading** Matthew 28:1-10

**Message** "The One Who Raises the Fallen" Rev. Wil Reinowski

*The one who raises the fallen is risen indeed.*

\*Hymn "Morning Has Broken" 664

## Lord's Supper

### The Invitation

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord**

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

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues, ending with "sing to the glory of your name..."*

**Response** "Holy, Holy, Holy" (back cover Hymnal)

*The prayer continues with an invitation to the Lord's Prayer. Please join in the language God has it on your heart.*

### The Lord's Prayer

### Words of Institution

### Sharing of the Lord's Supper

### Prayer After Communion

\*Hymn "Thine is the Glory" 238

## Invitation to Offering

*The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at any time.*

**Offertory** "Easter Rejoicing" (arr. Michael Helman)

**\*Doxology** 606

### **\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**Risen Christ, receive these offerings as signs of our Easter hope. Take what we give and use it to bring life where despair lingers, healing where wounds remain, and courage where fear still speaks loudly. Send these gifts into the world as echoes of the empty tomb, bearing witness that your love is alive, moving, and still transforming all things. We offer them with gratitude and praise. Amen**

**\*Hymn** "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" 254

### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "The Day of Resurrection" (arr. Burkhardt)



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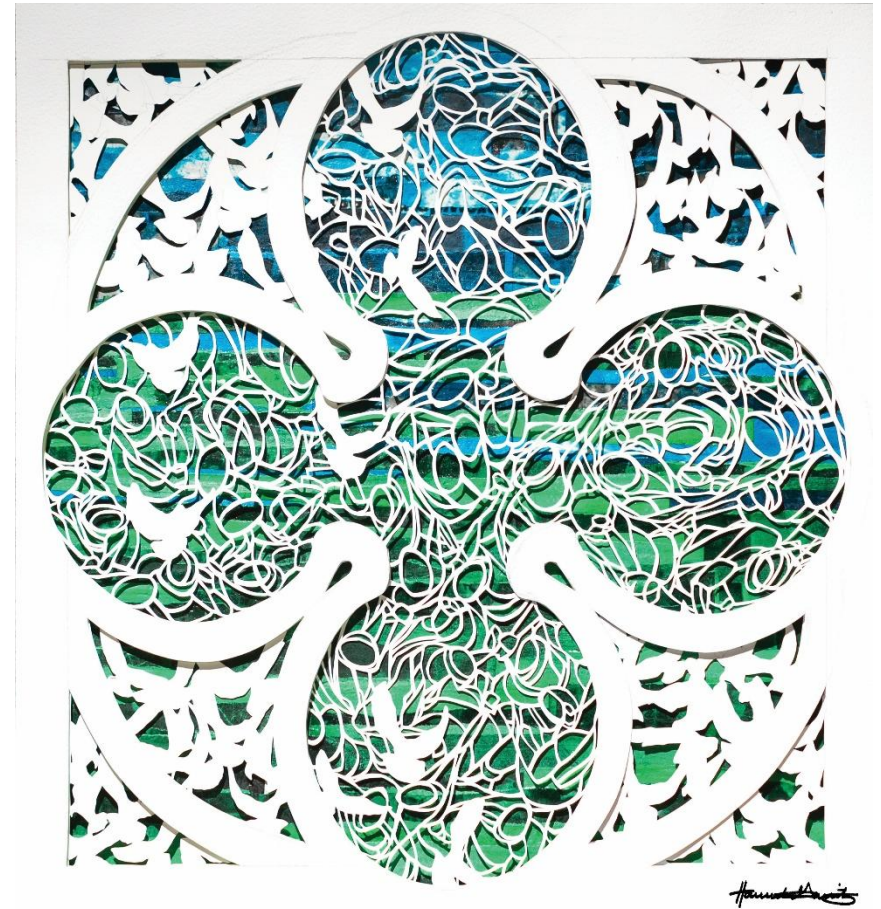
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**Liturgy adapted** from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org).

**Cover image:** "Meet Me in Galilee" by Hannah Garrity. Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10 Artist's Statement: The good news is alive in the world. Do not be afraid. Go back to Galilee and celebrate. Go and you will find Jesus, free in the world in the faces of strangers and neighbors.

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# Central Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

**Tell Me Something Good**

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**Prelude**

"Christ The Lord is Risen Today"

(arr. Joel Raney)

**Welcome**