

“✠” *Invites all to stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME
RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)

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The tomb is empty. He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

The empty tomb is God’s affirmation upon the life and teaching of Jesus, whom we call the “Christ.”

He is risen, indeed!

New life is here...now...in our very presence.

Because, He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

✠ OPENING PRAYER

✠ HYMN

CH #218

“Thine Is the Glory”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to make us new with resurrection power, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

NEWER TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

CHILDREN’S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

Anthem

Church Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

MESSAGE

“Easter Day!”

Rev. Chuck Aurand

✠ HYMN

“Christ Arose!”

CH #224

SHARING AND CARING

’ A TIME OF SHARING

’ PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “debts”)

A TIME OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

✠ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ HYMN

CH #216

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

✠ BENEDICTION/BLESSING

✠ SUNG RESPONSE

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering, Son;
endless is the victory
Thou o’er death hast won.**

✠ POSTLUDE

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Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day.** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Our Liturgist today is Teresa Aspen.**
- ✓ **Thank you** to everyone who provided Easter lilies to grace our sanctuary this day.
- ✓ **The Black Hills Association Meeting** is scheduled for April 21st at the Hermosa UCC in Hermosa, SD. All are invited.

Please pray:

- **For the sharing of the Gospel.** May the Good News of Easter be spread throughout these 50 states, and across the world.
 - **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
 - **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders.
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