



HE IS RISEN

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PRELUDE:

Easter Praise! arranged by Marty Parks

Sam Peters, viola, Nathan Wasner, piano

WELCOME & MAKING SPACE FOR SPIRIT

GROUNDING SONG:

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

We come as people on the road,
carrying stories, questions, and hope.

We have witnessed the love of God, the reconciling work
of Jesus on the cross, and now, we are commissioned!

People:

We come as witnesses, to pain, to healing, to resurrection.

Leader:

When the world tells us life is fleeting,
like vapor that disappears,

People:

God reminds us: our lives matter, our stories endure,
our love leaves a mark.

Leader:

The Risen Christ meets us in ordinary places,
on the road, at the table, in community.

People:

Even now, we rise.

All:

Let us worship the God who walks with us still.

SHARED SINGING: "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY", NCH 233

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of the journey, we lift up all who are walking difficult roads. Those grieving, those searching, those carrying burdens too heavy to name. Remind them they are not alone. We pray for a world still marked by violence and injustice, where too many Fridays feel endless. Raise us up as people of resurrection, to interrupt harm, to embody love, to proclaim dignity for all. We pray for this community, Admiral United Church of Christ, that we might continue to be a place where all are seen, all are valued, and all are reminded: They belong. Clothe us with power from on high, that we may live fully into the call to love, to serve, and to rise. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Response, "Sanctuary", by Thompson & Scruggs

ANTHEM: "Ain't No Grave", by Claude Ely, Arr.: by David Angerman

Made famous by Molly Skaggs

The Admiral Choir, Nathan Wasner on piano, Sam Peters on Viola

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 24:45-49 , NRSVue

Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

SERMON

"Still Rising We Are the Hope that is Refusing to Die"

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INVITATION TO SHARE

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow"

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heav'nly host;

Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost

SHARED SINGING: "Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One", NCH 253

BENEDICTION

Beloved,

You are not just passing through this life,

You are part of something eternal.

So go now, as witnesses of hope, as bearers of love,
as people who refuse to let death have the final word.

And when the road feels long, remember:

God walks with you. Christ is revealed among you.

The Spirit empowers you. Even now, we rise. Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Theme and Variations on a Melody by Handel"

Sam Peters, viola and Nathan Wasner, piano