

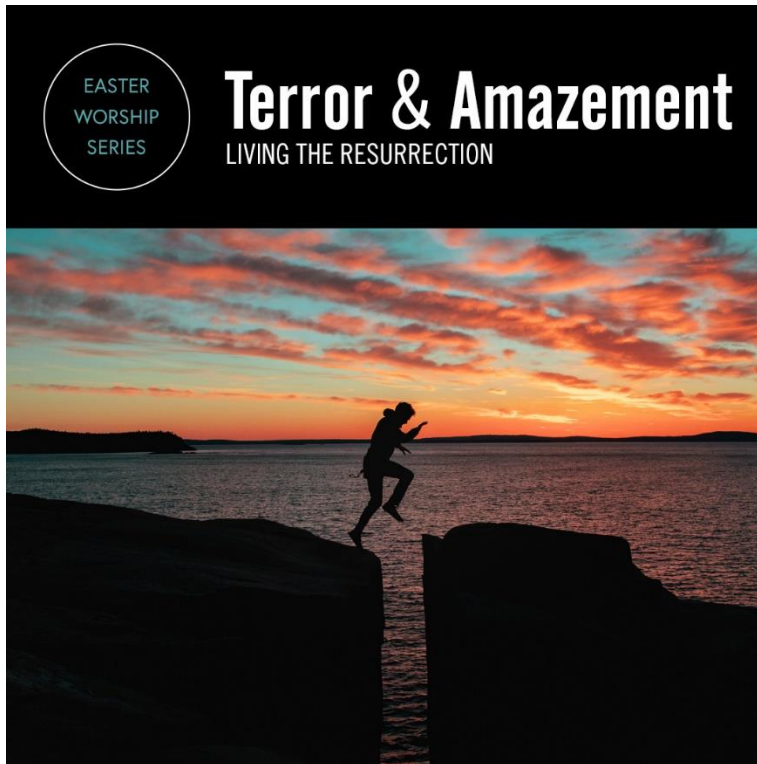
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April 4, 2021  
Easter Sunday  
Virtual and Indoor Worship Bulletin

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Easter Fanfare  
Covenant Brass Quartet (2013)

Call to Worship

**Lector:** Christ is risen!

**All Voices:** Christ is risen indeed!

**Pastor Dawn:** Christ is risen!

**All Voices:** Christ is risen indeed!

**Lector:** Exhale. Go ahead, exhale. Breathe out. Let go. On this Easter Sunday, allow your souls to be replenished. Take in the joy. Take in peace. Take in the togetherness. Take what you need.

**Pastor:** And wonder. Wonder, and imagine, and reflect, and question, and listen. Listen deeply to the words and the songs. Listen deeply to the Holy Spirit. And hear the words that God has for you.

**Lector:** We emerge from the long days of Lent; our journey through the wilderness. And we acknowledge that there is a darkness that seems to loom in this world. And we remember that nestled within the great mystery of the Resurrection is a great light. Search for that light, that hope on this day.

**Pastor Dawn:** So, we come into this space, this *sacred* space, and we bring ourselves; our *whole* selves. We encourage you to embrace your body and we invite you to use your body to give God a hand clap of praise, to sing, to jump around, to dance, to celebrate. And, as we celebrate the Risen Savior, we invite you to bring your full selves into worship because Christ is risen!

**All Voices: Christ is risen!**

**All Voices: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Ashley Johnson, Easter Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers, edited by Safiya Fosua, 2020.*

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
Chancel Choir

Scripture

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Mark 16:1-8

Special Music

And Can It Be That I Should Gain  
Chancel Choir

arr.by Joseph Martin

Meditation

“Terror & Amazement”

Pastor Dawn

Invitation to Offering

Special Music

Out of Hiding  
Solo by Haley Duff

Gretzinger and Amanda Cook

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

**Living Lord,  
when we stand before the empty tomb  
we don't always feel the joy of resurrection.  
We feel fear, doubt, and distrust.  
We feel empty.**

**Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life.  
Forgive our doubt of your love.  
Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan.  
Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.  
Raise us to abundant new life  
for the glory of your name.**

~ written by Greg Scheer, <http://www.gregscheer.com/>

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving (written by Thom Shuman, posted in Lectionary Liturgies)

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Song

Lift High the Cross  
Chancel Choir

Benediction

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra (Dec 16, 2018)

Handel

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