

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m.

*“They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in,
they did not find the body.”* – Luke 24:2

OPENING WORDS

Voice 1 They looked for a way to arrest him.
Voice 2: They looked for a way to silence him.
Voice 1: They looked for a way to trap him.
Voice 2: They looked for a way to kill him.
Voice 1: And the crowds chanted “Crucify him! Crucify him!”
Voice 2: And they beat him and mocked him and nailed him to a cross.
Voice 1: And the people followed, and the women watched and wailed.
Voice 2: He died.
Voice 1 And they buried him.
Voice 2: And the women saw the tomb and they prepared the spices and ointments.
Voice 1: They rested.
Voice 2: And on the third day, they came back.
Voice 1: Early, at dawn, the women came to the tomb.
Voice 2: And the stone had been rolled away.

SONG

Alleluia!

READING

Matthew 28:1-10

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Unison: God of Love, God of Wonder, we are perplexed and afraid, we are curious and doubt-filled, we are hopeful and excited. Holding grief in their hands, those women showed up to love you, and you met them there with a mystery, with a new story, with an impossible happening. We’re still amazed; we’re still trying to understand. Thank you for dazzling us, thank you for sharing with us, thank you for shocking us, thank you for loving us in this wonderful way. This Easter, dazzle us again, fill us with terror and amazement at what you can do, what you are doing. Amen.

REFLECTION

Rev. Wanda Lawry

SONG

Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia!**

No. 175
verse 1

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation

Prayer after Communion

Unison: O God, you have fed us through your life and ministry, your death and resurrection, and your meals shared with your friends. Through this meal, Christ, you are present here with us. You are risen, here with us. And we are one with you. Jesus, may this meal make us bold as we share your good news of food to eat, clean water, loving community, and freedom to all people and to the whole creation. Amen.

SONG

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

No. 306

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

verse 1

BENEDICTION

One: The tomb is empty. The stone has been rolled away.

All: The tomb is empty, and death doesn't get the last word.

One: Christ, our Lord, has done a marvelous thing!

All: Christ, our Lord, is doing marvelous things still!

One: Let us go to the world to proclaim this hope!

All: Let us go from this place to share God's Easter story.

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: Christ, is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.