

### **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

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*Special Thanks to everyone who participated in today's  
worship service!*

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## **Morning Worship ~ April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday**



**Christ is Risen!  
Christ is Risen  
indeed!**

### **God Gathers the Church**

**Prelude Music**  
**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

#### **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus was dead, laid in a tomb.  
**Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**  
**Morning has broken, tomb now empty.**  
**Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**  
A new day has come, life not undone!  
**Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**  
Come and worship, the Lord is here!  
**Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

**HYMN:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Kendra

## CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord, We long to know the power of your resurrection promises, but we are slow to let go of all that keeps us in the grip of death: anger, regret, envy, stubbornness, self-righteousness, exclusion, fear, and despair. Forgive us, work in our hearts, and show us the joy which comes in believing your word of life. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

Colossians 3:1-4

“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.”

## GLORIA PATRI

## God's Word Is Proclaimed

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**HYMN:** “He Lives!”

### SERMON

Rev. Kendra VanHouten

## The Church Responds to God

**PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH TOGETHER** The Apostles Creed

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Meaning of the Sacrament

The Consecration and Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Blessing

### THE SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE WITH OUR GIFTS:

*While the social distancing makes it a challenge to worship in person, and serve alongside one another, ministry is still happening. We ask that you consider either mailing in your offering contribution or sending it online through our secure website:*

*<https://fairstreetreformedchurch.org/>, and click on the [support us](#) page. Your offering supports the work and ministry of the church as we continue to seek for ways in which we can love our neighbor, with no exceptions, even from a distance.*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)\*

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.

### BENEDICTION

### **Psalm 118**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.  
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”  
I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.  
Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### **Mark 16**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!**

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Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**Because He Lives**

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal and forgive  
He lived and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my savior lives

Chorus: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living, just because He lives

**Because He Lives (Continued)**

How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy He gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain day, because He lives. Chorus:

And then one day, I'll cross the river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then, as death gives way to victory  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns. Chorus:

**He Lives**

I serve a risen Savior; He's in the world today.  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him He's always near. Chorus

Chorus:  
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing will come at last. Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. Chorus