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Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

*Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Music-Please stand and join the choir in singing (#239 refrain only):

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead.

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose from the dead.

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead,

And God's grace will bear my spirit home. (sing twice)

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn: #233 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Reading of Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: O God, no matter what the young man dressed in a white robe might say, we are alarmed! We are alarmed that you would choose to appear to us.

We can understand that you might appear to disciples -- those that went with Jesus to do good and heal the oppressed. It is hard for us to imagine that you truly show no partiality. Surely, there are more talented people, more prayerful people, more intelligent people, more faithful people than we are.

But today, O God, we remember that you come to us all.

- **You come to the strong and the ill, the rich and the poor, the proud and the humble. You appear.**

- **You come again to remind us what we have forgotten.**

Forgive us, O God, for our alarm. Forgive us, O God, for not believing in ourselves. Appear to us now so that we might be resurrected with your love. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance:

Pastor: God appeared long ago to the faithful. God appears now to doubters. God will appear to seekers. God appeared and is appearing because God shows no partiality because God so loves this world and God so loves you. Amen.

*Act of Praise..... #760

(Please stand)

All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!

Amen we praise your name, O God!

*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Children's Time: "Jesus Is Alive"

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Anthem: "Come to the Tomb"

Sermon: "Dazzled and Amazed"

***Hymn: #242 "The Strife is O'er"**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Resurrection of Our Lord would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our world_____.

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our souls_____.

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for love and unity_____;

Quiet our busy hearts, Pray___, pray___, pray___ .

Pray___, pray___, pray___.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer,

Prayer of Our Savior (sung)

All: **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

Our Time of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

*Offertory Response "We Are Giving in the Light of God" (526)

All: **We are giving in the light of God,**

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Children are welcome to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents. Gluten free wafers are found in the center of the plates of bread.)

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: **O Holy One, there are no words to describe the mystery of this bread and cup. There are no sighs too deep to reveal what we feel in sharing in this feast. Thank you for gathering us together to remember that you are always present among us. We lift our hearts as we praise the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

***Hymn #243 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" Verses 1,2,4 (omit verse 3)**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response (#239 refrain only):**

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead.

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose from the dead.

Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead,

And God's grace will bear my spirit home. (sing twice)

*Postlude

Joni and Allen Mattei are participating in today's worship service along with...

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard
Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
Wade Anderson.....Sexton

Did you know that our church now offers electronic giving or e-giving, either through bank transfer of funds, or through your credit card? Soon this will be available through our web site, denmarkmanorchurch.org. If you wish to sign up today, you may use the enclosed form, and return it to the church at any time in the envelope provided.

You do NOT have to give electronically. We still accept cash and checks! We are offering electronic giving for the convenience of our members who pay many of their bills through automatic withdrawal or by credit card. Your private information will be kept confidential and will not be shared. If you become an e-giver and still want to put something in the offering plate, there are yellow e-giving cards in the pews that you may use. If you choose to give "the old fashioned way" you may use the envelope to mail a check if you are unable to be present in worship. Please do not send cash.

This week: Pastor Meredith will not be in the office on Monday, however Rheba will be available between 9:00AM and 3:00PM. Pastor Meredith will be in the office on Wednesday.

Thursday-Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00PM

Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study 9:00AM

Attendance for March 20: 73

Offering for March 20: \$2,472.00

OGHS: \$180.00

Please see the rear table in the Sanctuary for your registration form for the **Beef Dinner on Saturday, April 23.**



Easter Flowers . . . *The Beautiful Resurrection Flowers gracing Our Sanctuary today are from:*

- Wade C. Anderson In Memory of Clarence and Naomi and Craig Anderson
- Dave Conner In Memory of Joycalyn Conner
- Virginia Creese In Memory of John Creese and Anna K. Dietrich
- Eleanor Darragh In Memory of Amelia Pevornik
- John & Myrt Driscoll In Honor of Our Grandchildren Val, Lauren, Maddison, Brenna, Brennan and Brooke
- Sylvia Duncan and Joyfa Kelly In Memory of Our Cousins Evelyn, Bernice, Bob, Delma, Sally, Ben, Dolly and Alvin Deibler
- Paul Gernhardt In Memory of Paul and Elizabeth Boynton
- Scott, Sharon, Natalie and Claire Hartung In Memory of Loved Ones
- Gerry Hartung In Memory of Tom Hartung
- Fred & Trude Hayes In Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren
- Meredith & Bill Hutchison In Memory of W. Raymond and Marion Hutchison and Bob Hutchison
- Art & Pat Long In Memory of Gerald, Hazel & Bob Berlin
- The Malovitz-Zachetti Family In Memory of Mildred L. Hardenstine
- William & Dorothy Martin In Memory of Loved Ones
- Alan, Joni, Matt and Brandon Mattei In Memory of Loved Ones
- Don & Debi McIlvaine In Memory of Our Parents Grace Long and Jim Amour, and Anna and John McIlvaine
- Elma McKee In Memory of My Husband Bill and Our Son, Billy
- Marsha, Logan and Chase Simons and Kyle In Memory of Chuck Simons
- Evelyn Valesky In Memory of John and Dean Valesky
- Lynn Zimmerman In Memory of Loved Ones

Happy Easter! Christ Is Risen! *"God is still speaking ..."*

Thanks to Elaine DiFranco and Wade Anderson for receiving and arranging the Easter Flowers.