

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2008

MORNING WORSHIP

ELEVEN O' CLOCK

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*Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"  
And she told them that He had said these things to her.  
John 20:18*

Prelude "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"  
Brass Quartet, Tympani, Organ

The Light Enters

Greetings and Concerns of the Congregation  
*(Please join in THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP by signing and  
passing to your neighbor the attendance registration pad.)*

Introit "Alleluia, Sing Alleluia!" Chancel Choir

The Call To Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!

PEOPLE: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

PEOPLE: THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ME, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIE, WILL LIVE,  
AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE.

Invocation

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and  
opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate  
our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the  
death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ  
our Lord. AMEN.

\*Hymn of Praise "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!" No. 302  
(verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

\*The Apostles' Creed No. 881

\*The Gloria Patri No. 70

The Children's Story Keith Smith

The Reception Of New Members No. 45

Special Offering In Song "Now The Green Blade Rises" Music Makers  
Susan Morgan - Flute; Paige Smith, Liz Fowler, Donna Crisp, Sarah Clark - Handbells  
Nora Ford - Piano; Charlie Smith - Tambourine

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offering

Offertory "Thine Be The Glory"  
Brass Quartet, Tympani, Organ

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "The Day Of Resurrection" No. 303

Anthem "Sing Alleluia Forth" Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson John 20:1-18

Sermon "EASTER MORNING" Dr. Fowler

\*Hymn Of Dedication "The Strife Is O'er" No. 306  
(Antiphon, verses 1, 2, 3, 4, repeat verse 1, Antiphon)

\*Benediction

\*The Light Departs

\*Go Forth To Serve

\*Please stand, as you are able.

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*The rose on the altar this morning is in CELEBRATION of the birth of **SYDNEY LEE WATKINS**, daughter of **EMILY GREENE** and **JIMMY WATKINS**, born Thursday, March 13, 2008. The proud grandmother is **SARA PENNELL-GREENE**; proud great grandparents are **REVA** and **BRADLEY PENNELL**.*

The ministers, staff and congregation extend their deepest sympathy and sincere Christian love to **IDA MORGAN** on the death of her husband, **MR. JACK MORGAN**; to the **JIM MORGAN FAMILY** on the death of Jim's father, **MR. JACK MORGAN** and to the **FAMILY** of **MRS. MARY BELLE BURGESS**.

SHARING THE RESPONSIBILITIES THIS WEEK:

Acolytes	Caisey Anderson, Ashton Kirby
Greeters	UMW Morning Circle
Nursery	Jody and Meredith Belk, Randy and Amy Harris
Sound Technician	Kent Riddle
First Responders	Jeff Joyce

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Easter Sunday, March 23**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service/Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil  
8:45 a.m. First Light Service – CLC  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Monday, March 24**

Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, March 25**

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
12:00 Faith Link Announcements Due  
7:00 p.m. Disciple III Study

**Thursday, March 27**

2-5 p.m. Trash & Treasures Receiving

**Friday, March 28**

7-11 p.m. Ladies Project Night – Staples Center

**Saturday, March 29**

5:00 p.m. Room In The Inn

**Sunday, March 30**

6:00 p.m. Youth  
7:30 p.m. First Flame Rehearsal

Musicians: Chancel Choir; Music Makers; Nora Ford – Keyboards; Chris Serina – Trumpet; Ben Belton – Trumpet; Leah Spicer – Trombone; Jordan Craig – Trombone; Susan Morgan – Flute; Charles Smith – Tympani & Tambourine; Paige Smith, Liz Fowler, Donna Crisp, Sarah Clark - Handbells

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