



*Rejoice in the Lord*

## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Easter

April 19, 1981

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude "In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay"-J.S. Bach

Edwin Holsworth, Organist

"The Trumpet Shall Sound" - G.F. Handel

Brass Choir

The Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

### WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND CONFESS OUR SIN

\*Hymn of Praise "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" No. 204

\*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God: by your power Christ has been raised from death to life; and by your grace we have received the gift of life. Yet we confess that we have not lived according to his words. Rather than lead lives of commitment and obedience, we have used your gifts for our own pleasures. Instead of sharing our time and money in his service, we spend them on ourselves. We have been selfish and ungrateful O God. Forgive our neglect of you and others, and renew our devotion for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who was dead but is now alive. Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Our Response

The Gloria Patri

### GOD ASKS US TO SHARE OUR SELVES

A Time for Prayers

Silent Prayers

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Response

"Hear Our Prayer O Lord"

Concerns of the Church

The Sharing of Our Gifts

Offertory

"Alleluia"

by Jane Marshall

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Solo

"In The End of The Sabbath"

by Speaks

Myrt Huebner, Soprano

GOD MEETS US IN HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Selection 8

Psalm 32

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 9:1-8

The Sermon

"Tie A Yellow Ribbon"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Affirming Our Faith

"A Declaration of Faith"

In the death of Jesus Christ, God's way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death. We do not yet see the end of death.

But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination, but we know we shall be with Christ...

Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn of Dedication "The Day of Resurrection!" No. 208

\*The Benediction and "The Hallelujah Chorus" G.F. Handel

\*Organ Postlude

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A PRAYER FOR EASTER

Eternal God: through the rising of Jesus Christ from the dead, you have given us living hope. Keep us joyful in all our trials, and guard our faith, so we may know the wonderful experience of a full life, which you have prepared for us through our Risen Lord...