**Easter Sunday**

**March 31, 2024**

\*Hymn: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” #259

Welcome & Announcements – Peg Lewis

Prelude: “He Lives!” – Bell Ensemble

Invitation to Worship:

Hushed footsteps and subdued voices approach the tomb with ointment and spices for the dead, approach with caution and dread.  
**Christ is alive! His tomb is empty!**Joy is unbound, only the signs of death remain, the wrappings and trappings of darkness and fear. Where have they taken the body?  
**There is no corpse. Christ is alive! Death could not hold him!**Christ is loose, going before us to Galilee and our town, walking on our streets and hiking up our paths.  
**He's not far off and remote, but near at hand in our lives.***All: Sprint and hobble, whisper, and shout, tell the Good News to all.*

*Christ is ALIVE!*

Invocation & Lord’s Prayer (debts)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 – Lynn Saucier

Reading of the Church Covenant

Children’s Message – Laureen Galayda

Praise Music: “Because You Live, O Christ!” – Singing Ensemble

Scripture: John 20:1-20

Sermon: “I Have Seen the Lord” – Pastor Sharon

\*Hymn: “In the Garden” #270

Prayer Time

\*Hymn: “The Day of Resurrection” #261

\*Benediction

Postlude: “Give Your Life to Christ” – Les Marsh

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

6On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. 7And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. 8Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

9It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.