**Worship – Sunday, April 4, 2021**

**Easter & Communion**

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “How Great Thou Art” – Adriana & Gina Palmieri

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.**Sprint and hobble, whisper, and shout, tell the Good News to all. Christ is ALIVE!

***All: Christ is alive! Let us rejoice!***

Invocation & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 – Barbara McKay

Children’s Message – Laureen Galayda

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: “Do Not Be Alarmed” – Pastor Sharon

Hymn: “Because He Lives” #260 vs. 1 & 2

Prayer Time

Hymn: “Because He Lives” #260 vs. 3

Invitation & Sharing of the Bread & the Cup

Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” #337 vs. 1 & 4

Benediction

Hymn: “God Be with You ‘til We Meet Again” #323 vs. 1

Postlude: “Our Lord Is Risen Today” – Les Marsh

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

On 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. And 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. Then 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.

It 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.