**Worship – April 17, 2022**

**Easter Sunday**

\*Hymn: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” #259 vs. 1-3

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 65:17-25 – Ginni Butler

Children’s Message – Laureen Galayda

Praise Music: “Christ Arose” – Linda Lamy & Nanci Newton

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon: “On the First Day of the Week” – Pastor Sharon

\*Hymn: “Because He Lives” #260

Prayer Time

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

Benediction

Postlude: “Easter Medley” – Les Marsh

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

17For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. 18But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. 19I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. 20No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. 21They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. 24Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. 25The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.