

Easter Sunday – March 31, 2013

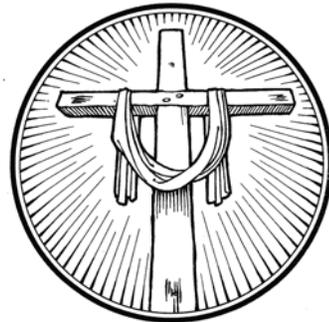
Music Prelude		Glenda Teachey
Call To Worship "On This Day"		Rockland Choir
Welcome & Announcements		
<b>*Procession</b>	"Christ The Lord Has Risen Today" Vs. 1-4	#302
Praises & Prayer Requests		
<b>*Songs of Preparation</b>	"Rejoice, Rejoice" (Remain Seated) "Up From The Grave He Arose"	Rockland Choir #322
Liturgy of the Word:		
Old Testament	Acts 10:34-43	Sharon Metcalfe
Psalms	Psalms 118:14-29	
Anthem	"He Has Risen, Hallelujah!"	Rockland Choir
<b>*Gospel</b>	Luke 24:1-10	Pastor Bill Faupel

*L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

Message: "Empty Tomb or Idle Tale"

Pastor Bill Faupel

*Imagine that you spent days sitting by the bedside of your father as he lay dying in the hospital. Your pastor came and together you had final prayers as your family gathered around to say good-bye. A few minutes later the doctor came in and pronounced that your father was gone. You spent the next few days in a daze as you met with the funeral director to pick out the casket and make the arrangements for the funeral. You then came for the viewing as your father's friends gathered to pay their last respects. But when you got to the funeral home and walked into the designated room, you found the casket open, your father's best suit and tie and white shirt were neatly folded in the casket along with his glasses. But your father was not there. What would you think? What would you do? The thoughts that would go through your mind would be almost exactly the thoughts that went through the minds of the women who went to our Lord's tomb to bind his body in spices only to find the tomb empty. When they told their story to the disciples, they thought the women had lost their minds, that they were telling an idle tale. Who could believe that the one they had seen crucified only three days before, was now alive and the grave empty!*



**\*Affirmation of Faith** #880

**\*Please stand as you are able**

Liturgy of the Table:

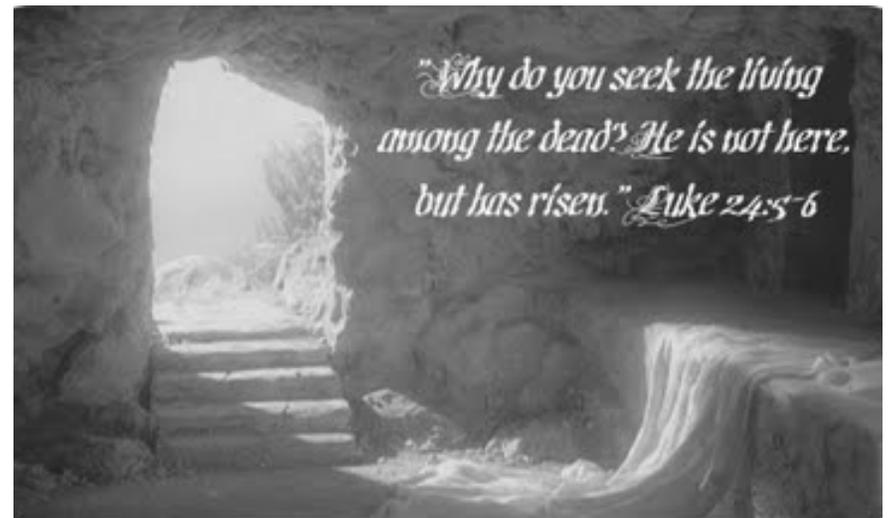
+Holy Communion		
<i>+Everyone is welcome to take Holy Communion who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Please receive the bread from the server in your cupped hands, and either dip it into the chalice before eating or take an individual cup from the server.</i>		
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	"He Lives"	#310
<b>*Blessing</b>		Pastor Bill Faupel
<b>*Choral Response</b>	"He Is Lord"	#177
	"V1: Alleluia"	Overhead
	"V2: He is my Savior, Alleluia"	
	"V3: He is Risen, Alleluia"	
Postlude		Glenda Teachey

**Next Sunday's Scriptures:**

Genesis 9:8-16; Psalm 111; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

*To our Guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a "Meet & Greet" after the service...*

**We welcome you to worship with us again!**



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