



EASTER
BRINGS

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"In his great mercy he has given us
new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ.."

1 Peter 1:3

Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church

Easter Sunrise Service

April 21, 2019

OPENING WORDS

AN EASTER AFFIRMATION

Leader: There was darkness over the earth before creation;

People: There is darkness in the womb before birth;

L: The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;

P: There is darkness in the tomb before resurrection.

L: But now Christ is risen!

P: The dawn has come

L: A new creation has commenced

P: The world is born anew.

L: Christ is risen.

P: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

L: Thanks be to God!

P: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! AMEN!

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SINGING

Morning Has Broken

Farjeon

**All: Morning has broken, like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the word.**

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20: 1-18

HOMILY

Rev

SPECIAL MUSIC

Easter Song
Katherine Mitchell

UNISON PRAYER

All: Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate, and the stars dance out on this Easter Day: Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate alleluia, a great alleluia to praise the power that made the stars; Christ is our hope: in the mystery of suffering is the heartbeat of Love; let go, here is our hope, that in God we are not separate, and with a great alleluia we praise the power that made the stone roll away; dance through the dullness of humanity to the music of God, God is free! You are the pulse of the new creation's energy; with a great alleluia we praise the power that made the stone roll away.

SINGING

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

All: Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

Please join us for breakfast following the service.

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