



*Fullerton First United Methodist Church  
Easter Sunday  
March 27, 2016 – 7:00 a.m.*



*Easter Sunday*  
*Sunday, April 16, 2017 7:00am*  
*Order of Worship*

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*\*Indicates: Please stand if you are able.*

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world. – The Mission of the United Methodist Church

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Philip Bertolo Wood, Senior Pastor*

**\*HYMN**                      ***“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (verses 1-4)***                      #302

**\*OUR EASTER PRAYER** *(unison)*

***Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate this day of our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD!**

**PRAYER OF GENERAL CONFESSIO** *(unison)*

***On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess now how human we are, O Mighty Emptier of Tombs. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angels in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Forgive us, we humbly ask, for all we have done, and all we have left undone. Recreate in us fountains of your grace, as you fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life we pray. Amen.***

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**\*DOXOLOGY** (See Hymn #94 in the UMC Hymnal.)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST: John 20:1-18

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.*

*The word of God, for the people of God.*  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EASTER WITNESS**      *“Our True Identity”*      *Philip Bertolo Wood, Senior Pastor*

**THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(see page 15 UM Hymnal)*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
In which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
In the strength of your Spirit,  
To give ourselves for others,  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION** *(Congregation, please join hands.)*

**\*THE PASSING OF CHRIST’S PEACE**