



Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sponsored by the Conover Minister's Association
Held at Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
Conover, North Carolina

April 21, 2019—6:30am

(* Signifies all who are able please stand.)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Easter Sunrise" by Manfield/Marty Light, Organist

WELCOME Rev. Peggy Stout

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) Rev. Johnnie McIver

This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen!

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—Christ has brought us out of the
darkness and made us light to the world.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

*HYMN "Christ Arose" #298 Blue Book

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Responsively) Rev. Don Bledsoe

O Glorious Lord, on that first Easter Day you stood in the
midst of your disciples as the conqueror of sin and death
and spoke to them your peace.

**Come to us, we pray, in your risen power and make
us glad with your presence;**

Breathe your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may be
strong to serve you and spread abroad your good news,
for the glory of your great name—**the name that is above
every name—Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Celebrate with Singing—Easter Fanfare"
Trad. French carol/arr by Anna Laura Page—Trinity Choir

*GOSPEL READINGS Matthew 27:39-42
Matthew 28:1-6 Rev. Katie Carson

SERMON "He Didn't Come Down, But He Did Get Up!"
Rev. Ron Carson

*THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Unison) Rev. Helen Bledsoe
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son our
Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the
Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was cruci-
fied, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third
day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the One Holy
Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and
life everlasting. Amen.**

*HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #345 Blue Book
(Please be seated.)

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Cassandra Rawls

SPECIAL MUSIC The Lahu Choir

OFFERING Dr. Gary Royals

Invitation

Offertory "Thine is the Glory" by Handel/arr by Thygerson

***Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

*HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #289 Blue Book

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION** (*Responsively*)
Rev. Joe Dillard

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. And may Christ, who lives forever and is the source of new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always.

Amen and Amen.

***INVITATION TO TRINITY BREAKFAST** Rev. Peggy Stout

***POSTLUDE** “*An Easter Fanfare*” by Paxton/Marty Light

The offering received this morning will be divided equally between the Corner Table and ECCCM to help those in need throughout our community.

You are cordially invited by the Men’s Brotherhood of Trinity Church to have breakfast following the worship and to enjoy the spirit of Christian fellowship. We meet in the Life Enrichment Center of the church.

CONOVER MINISTER’S ASSOCIATION WORSHIP LEADERS

Trinity Reformed UCC Rev. Peggy Stout
Trinity Reformed UCC Rev. Jaha Seechang
Covenant Christian Church Rev. Don Bledsoe
Covenant Christian Church Rev. Helen Bledsoe
Covenant Christian Church Rev. Ron M. Carson
Covenant Christian Church Rev. Katie Carson
Covenant Christian Church Rev. Johnnie McIver
First United Methodist Church Dr. Gary Royals
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New Life Christian Fellowship Church Rev. Joe Dillard

