

**ANDERSON GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PASTOR: DR. KIRK RYCKMAN**

April 1, 2018 *Order of Worship* 8:00 & 10:30 AM

GATHERING MUSIC *Belinda Harrison*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The stone stood aside. The mouth of the tomb is open.
The angels delivered their message.

People: Jesus is not here.

Leader: Women bearing spices, followers of the One who had
been crucified, turned from their trembling to question
with hopeful hearts.

People: Is it possible that Jesus lives?

Leader: God's answer offered the strongest confirmation of hope
and the boldest affirmation of life ever given. "Jesus is
risen!"

*People: Risen to proclaim Gods' power. Risen to show God's
love.*

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

***HYMN OF JOY "*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*" #123**

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

GREETING TIME

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

*Loving God, we thank you for this Easter Day with its promise of
new life, and new opportunities. Use us, and our gifts, to love and
serve you, and to witness to Christ whom you have raised. In the
name of our risen Lord Jesus we pray. Amen.*

WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR RISEN LORD

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE (unison)

*We give thanks, O God, for this day of resurrection, this time of
joy, this celebration of your loving power. The tomb of death
could not contain the Redeemer of life, and hallelujahs rise from
our lips to greet the risen Christ.*

*We sense with our spirits that Easter is an opening day for faith.
The burdens that seemed immovable as boulders are pushed
aside. The anxieties and animosities sealed within us are released.
The impossibilities that constrain our imaginations and actions
are transformed. With the resurrection of Jesus, faith becomes
the way of life.*

*Open us, gracious God, that we may receive the good news and
that we may proclaim it by the enacting of our faith. Hallelujah
and Amen...!*

THE RISEN LORD APPEARS TO ONE IN SORROW

THE SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - The Lord's Prayer:

*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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE RISEN LORD APPEARS TO ONE WHO DOUBTED

THE SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-29

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, 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 holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN "We Know That Christ Is Raised" #495

THE RISEN LORD APPEARS TO THOSE WHO WERE DEFEATED

THE SCRIPTURE STORY: Luke 24:13-32

ANTHEM "Christ Arose"

THE RISEN LORD IS OUR LORD

EASTER SERMON "What God Believes"

*HYMN "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" #104

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand if able*

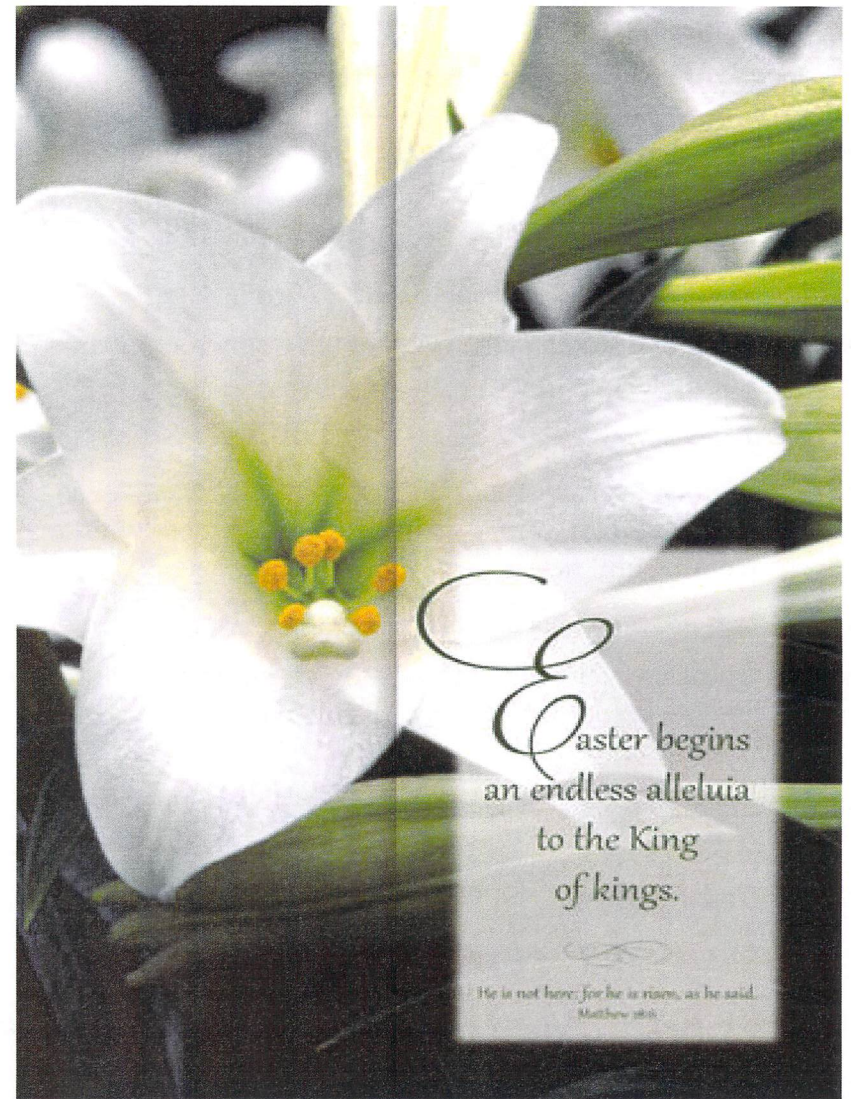
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Sunday, April 1, 2018

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