

10:30 am Worship
April 17th, 2022: Easter Sunday

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Forever” by Kari Jobe
Katy Baker, vocals & guitar

WELCOME
Rev. Mike Mather & Stephanie Moffitt

INTROIT “Fanfare for Easter” by Lloyd Pfautsch
Chancel Choir; Melissa Steinbock, trumpet

EASTER GREETING
Rev. Mike Mather

PRELUDE Here Comes the Sun arr. Yo-Yo Ma
Peyton Magalhaes, cello; Mariama Alcântara, violin; Zerek Dodson, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Beautiful Things by Gungor

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Luke 24:1-9 Darren de Reuck

HYMN #302 “Christ The Lord is Risen Today” v. 1-4

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Luke 24.10-12 Landon Resch

SERMON *We Rise: Don't Get Easter Backwards*
Rev. Mike Mather and Stephanie Moffitt

MUSIC RESPONSE “Every Season” by Nicole Nordeman
Charlotte Sass, Vocals & Piano

EASTER BLESSING
Stephanie Moffitt

HYMN #159 “Lift High the Cross”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Let the Song Be Begun arr. Don Malin
Chancel Choir; Melissa Steinbock, trumpet

POST-SERVICE MUSIC Franz Schubert Violin Sonata in A Major, D. 564: II
Zerek Dodson, piano; Mariama Alcântara, violin

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"Every Season" by Nicole Nordeman

Every evening sky, an invitation
To trace the patterned stars
And early in July, a celebration
For freedom that is ours

And I notice You in children's games
In those who watch them from the shade
Every drop of sun is full of fun and wonder
You are summer

And even when the trees have just surrendered
To the harvest time
Forfeiting their leaves in late September
And sending us inside

Still I notice You when change begins
And I am braced for colder winds
I will offer thanks for what has been and what's to come
You are autumn

And everything in time and under Heaven
Finally falls asleep
Wrapped in blankets white, all creation
Shivers underneath

And still I notice You when branches crack
And in my breath on frosted glass
Even now in death, You open doors for life to enter
You are winter

And everything that's new has bravely surfaced
Teaching us to breathe
And what was frozen through is newly purposed
Turning all things green

So it is with You and how You make me new
With every season's change
And so it will be as You are re-creating me
Summer, autumn, winter, spring