

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.
(Matthew 18:20^{NRSV})



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Opening prayer

*Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Jesus is risen!

Jesus is risen indeed!

Now say that again with conviction.

JESUS IS RISEN!

What does that mean for us?

New life! New hope! New us!

Come, let us worship our God who is full of surprises.

*Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #270 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading John 20:1-18;

Children's Time

Hymn "Christ Arose" #273 BH

Sermon Luke 24:34-35;

"THE LORD HAS RISEN INDEED!"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "He Lives" #269 BH

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory Prayer

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

Jesus our Savior, we yearn for Your Communion; we yearn for the hope of new life; we yearn to meet You here. And yet, despite Your invitation, we find ourselves stumbling on our way. Amaze us again. Startle us anew. Surprise us once more. Fill us with resurrection power. May we feel the birth quakes of resurrection in our very souls, that we, like the women who went to the tomb, may go to share our faith, even in a skeptical world. Forgive us. Forgive us when we think this doesn't have an impact on our lives and our community. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Hear the good news! "All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name!" In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

Partaking of the Bread and of the Wine

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn "Because He Lives" #449 BH

*Charge & Benediction

PASTOR: JESUS IS RISEN! ALL: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

We have seen the Lord this day! God is good!

Now we go into the world to spread this Good News.

**May you be blessed and may you be a blessing,
in the name of the Risen Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Postlude

In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, March 27, 2016 – EASTER SUNDAY

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

6:30 – 7:45 p.m. – LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

6:00 p.m. – BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, March 31, 2016

10:00 a.m. – NO LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Friday, April 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY BREAKFAST/ADULT BIBLE STUDY,

Sunday, April 3, 2016

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

For Our Guests

We are so thrilled to have you worship with us today.

We truly hope you are encouraged and inspired to grow closer to God as we worship the true and living God together.

Christ
is
Risen!



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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. , Pastor
 , Pianist
 , Liturgist
 , Children's Time
 , Welcome and Announcements

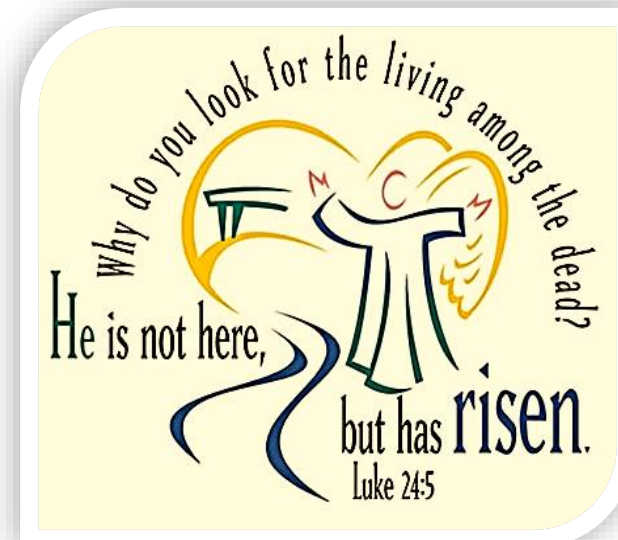


* Please rise as you are able
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THEME IDEAS

How can we make Easter a day of surprises and a day of meaning, for people who think they have heard it all before? Easter calls us to be amazed at the power of our loving God and at the incredible gift that God has given us - a new life and new hope. The women at the tomb did not expect what they saw and heard, but these women remembered and told others - the first preachers commissioned to bring the good news that marks us as Christians. We need to help people remember and be empowered to be witnesses in the world - even if what we say is dismissed as an idle tale.

JESUS IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! This declaration has become formulaic and is often spoken without great thought or feeling. But it points to a radical, life-changing reality that has the power to transform us all from our complacent, sleep-walking, church-going death, into newness of life. Easter allows us to make a difference in this God-blessed world.



STONEGATE CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am
 Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016



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