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April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

"The Power of Love"

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Matthew 28: 1-10

* Opening Hymn VU #155 – "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Opening Reflections

Sung Response VU #175 – "This is the Day That God Has Made"

Call to Worship – Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

One: ¹Thank God because he's good, because his love never quits.

All: ²Tell the world, Israel, "His love never quits."

One: ³And you, clan of Aaron, tell the world, "His love never quits."

All: ⁴And you who fear God, join in, "His love never quits."

One: ⁵Pushed to the wall, I called to God; from the wide open

spaces, he answered.

All: ⁶God's now at my side and I'm not afraid; who would dare lay a hand on me?

One: 13 was right on the cliff-edge, ready to fall, when God grabbed

and held me.

All: ¹⁴God's my strength, he's also my song, and now he's my salvation.

One: ¹⁵Hear the shouts, hear the triumph songs in the camp of the

saved? "The hand of God has turned the tide!

All: ¹⁶The hand of God is raised in victory! The hand of God has turned the tide!"

One: ¹⁷I didn't die. I *lived!* And now I'm telling the world what God did.

All: ¹⁸God tested me, he pushed me hard, but he didn't hand me over to Death.

One: ¹⁹Swing wide the city gates—the *righteous* gates! I'll walk right through and thank God!

All: ²⁰This Temple Gate belongs to God, so the victors can enter and praise.

One: ²¹Thank you for responding to me; you've truly become my salvation!

All: ²²The stone the masons discarded as flawed is now the capstone!

One: ²³This is God's work. We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it!

All: ²⁴This is the very day God acted—let's celebrate and be festive!

Joyful Noise - "All in an Easter Garden"

Children's Time / The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn VU #345 – "Come, Children, Join to Sing"

The Word

☐ Scripture Reading – Acts 10:34-43

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Anthem - "He is Risen"

Meditation – "New Life – The Power of Love"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem - "Come, People of the Risen King"

The Response

Welcome and Announcements

Offering / Response

Let the cross be our glory, and the Lord be our song, By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong. Let the cross be our glory, and the Lord be our song, Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known. Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Prayers of the People

Praise Team - "Forever"

* Benediction / Response – "Mighty to Save"

Patrick Woodbeck, Student Minister Luci Toews, Office Administrator Nancy Sulkers, Liturgist Laura Steidl, Music Director Myrna Hagues, Organist Gina Grant, Custodian

Ushers: Bill Belsham

Greeters: Brian Nazarko and Wayne Baldwin