

**Miami – Prelude & Ringing the Church Bell. “The Strife Is O’er”- Linker Gail Jones**

**Osawatomie – Prelude – Holy, Holy Holy Marti Bogart**

**Announcements**

**Paola – Prelude “The Strife Is O’er”- Linker Gail Jones**

**Osawatomie – Ringing the Chimes**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Early in the morning light,

**People: the women went to Jesus’ tomb.**

Leader: The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,

**People: for God’s love is stronger than death itself.**

Leader: Let us join our voices with Mary Magdalene:

**People: “We have seen the Lord!”**

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

**Glory to God Hymn #232 – “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (verse 1)**

**We are called to confess**

Jesus’ rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God’s mercy.

**We confess our sins to God and one another**

**O God, you raised Christ from the tomb and shattered the powers of sin and evil. Raise us from the tombs of our sin, O Lord, and bring us to new life in you. You bring us good news of Easter joy. Forgive us when we cannot hear it. You send us out to share your love. Forgive us when we cannot carry it. You cast a vision for peace and justice. Forgive us when we cannot imagine it. Forgive us when we stand in its way. For you are the God of the empty tomb, the one who makes all things new.**

**Time for silent, personal confession**

**We receive the assurance of pardon**

God hears our prayers of grace and mercy, and raises our countenance from despair, into resurrection joy! God meets us in our human suffering, comforts us in our tears, and offers to us new hope!

**All: Hallelujah! Amen!**

**Glori Patri****Message for the Young at Heart (Video)****WE PROCLAIM GOD'S GOOD NEWS****We Pray Together, the Prayer of the Day**

God of grace and power, we come rejoicing in Christ's empty tomb. We come trusting in the good news that tells us Christ is with us. For the Risen Christ is living proof that You care about our lives, O God. The Risen Christ offers to us glimpses of hope, even in our tears. As the tomb is not quiet. It speaks. It proclaims! It is a promise of eternal life! Thank you, gracious and almighty God. Amen.

**Today's Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-18

Liturgist

Pastor Paul

**Reflecting on Scripture** – Sermon Title: Told You So!

Pastor Paul

**Osawatomie Special Music – In Christ Alone**

Marti Bogart – Solo Pianist

**Miami & Paola Special Music – “See, What a Morning” -arr. L. Larson**

Gail Jones - Organist

**Sharing Joys & Concerns****Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer (Please use debts and debtors)**

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Call to stewardship**

On this day, we remember that Mary Magdalene arrives at the tomb with the intent to anoint the crucified body of Jesus; and astonished, she finds an empty tomb where Jesus once laid. Now what? God's angels and the Risen Christ meet Mary Magdalene in her sorrow and speak hope into her heart. For the Resurrection narrative reveals that love is alive and moves among us! The Risen Christ helps us to remember that despair is not the end of our journey. The Risen Christ also speaks of God's ever-present love and gives the church resurrection hope. In that,

as an Easter people, we manifest God's never-ending love in the world by the giving of our time, talents, and financial resources. For it is with Christ's limitless and restorative love, that we humbly and graciously offer back to God a portion of what God has given us.

### **Doxology**

#### **We ask for blessings on our tithes and offerings**

**God of love, we offer our gifts of time, spiritual gifts, and financial gifts as a sign of our love for you and the world. We ask a special blessing on these gifts where you meet us in our suffering, and raise us up, so that all may come to know of your abiding love. O God, we give these gifts as you have given them unto us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### **We Share at the Lord's Table**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit; Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love: We praise you for Jesus Christ, who reminds us that even in fear-filled days, cloaked with the powers of death, your eternal love arises, and never leaves us. For we rejoice with all your people and with the angels, because life is stronger than death! As we proclaim the glory of your name:

**People: Holy is Jesus, God Incarnate, the Risen Christ, whose mercy gathers us together in community, whose grace meets us in our brokenness, and whose loving faithfulness gives us renewed hope.**

Leader: In this meal, we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did; for our benefit.

### **Words of Institution**

Leader: In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

**People: We remember Christ's life of love, and friendship, and teaching, We remember Christ's dying, and rising to life again.**

**Prayer of the Spirit**

Leader: Bless this bread and this cup, the wheat and the grape, the farmer and the harvest, the seed and the sower. These simple elements are shared in community, so that we may taste and see your goodness and become one body in Christ.

**People: For it is through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, that all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forevermore. Amen.**

*We will partake the elements together.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion**

**O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life. Fed by your love and strengthened by your life; we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope, and to share your joy. You commission us to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**WE RESPOND AND GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**Glory to God Hymn # 248 – “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” - Verse 1 & 3 only**

**Charge & Benediction****Closing Response**

**“Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you...Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way...go ye now in peace, go ye now in peace.”**

**Postlude**

**Miami – “My Redeemer Liveth”-Lorenz**

**Gail Jones – Organist**

**Osawatomie – “God That Madest Earth”**

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