



## First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

*Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ*

March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY — 8:00 AND 9:30AM SERVICES

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## *Easter Service—Welcome!*

Services at 8:00 and 9:30am • See [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org) for streaming information

*\*please stand as you are able*

**Pre-service Music** “Majesty”

**Ringing of the Easter Bell**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** “Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord ”

**Opening**

Leader: Very early, still in darkness, we set out. Sorrowful, uncertain, knowing only our loss, we return to the tomb in our anguish and our love. Love looks back at us and calls us by name. You are seeking Jesus, who died on the cross. He has been raised. He is not here in your loss. The tomb could not hold him. Risen, he goes before you with new life for the world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty

**People: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness**

Leader: The stone has been rolled away

**People: The one you are looking for has overcome death**

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside

**People: The one you are looking for is alive!**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is Risen Indeed! Let us worship our Risen Savior!**

**\*Opening Hymn & Processional** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vs. 1-4 #302

**\*Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead, you offer us new and transformed lives in the risen Christ. We rejoice and give thanks for this good news, which has been handed down to us from generation to generation. May we, too, be witnesses of Jesus, who you anointed with the Holy Spirit to bring blessings of mercy and healing. May we be witnesses of Jesus' suffering and death, and how he meets us in the broken places of our lives. Most of all, may we be witnesses of the resurrection, sharing your promise of forgiveness and grace with all people. This is your doing, O God. It is marvelous in our eyes. Amen.

**Anthem**

"Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!"

Choir

**Scripture Reading**

John 20:1-18

**Message****Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer****Song of Response**

(8:00) "Because He Lives" vs. 1

#364

(9:30) "Our God Saves"

Praise Band

**Time of Offering**

(8:00) "Up from the Grave He Arose"

Marilyn

(9:30) "Jesus Paid It All"

Praise Band

**\*Doxology**

"Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow"

#95

**\*Offering Prayer**

Liturgist

Holy God, thank you for your goodness and mercy, especially for the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May these offerings, and indeed our very lives, become a witness to all people of the salvation and grace, you bring into the world. Amen.

**\*Closing Music**

(8:00) "He Lives" vs. 1-3

#310

(9:30) "Praise"

Praise Band

**Blessing****Postlude**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*Thank you for joining our services today!*

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at [connection@gilbertumc.org](mailto:connection@gilbertumc.org)

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NATHAN VAN DER POL, percussion CHARLES SPECHT, trombone  
PAM TURNER, violin RANDY VAN DER POL, trumpet



**Easter Breakfast**  
Sunday March 31, 2024  
6:30-11am  
Free. Donations Greatly Appreciated  
Funds go to Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trip  
(Breakfast Includes Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Juice)

**Office Closed**

**Monday April 1st**

**In observance of Easter Day**



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