



*“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”*



**Easter Sunday  
Sunrise, April 9, 2023, 6:30 a.m.  
Swansboro Bicentennial Park**

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## Easter Sunrise Worship

Welcome

Greeting

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Death has been swallowed up in victory

**The grave has lost its sting.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Song “He Lives”

1. I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today;

I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.

I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,

And just the time I need him, he’s always near.

**Refrain**

**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!**

**He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.**

**He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!**

**You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

2. In all the world around me I see his loving care,

and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;

I know that he is leading, through all the stormy blast;

The day of his appearing will come at last.

**Repeat Refrain**

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing

eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!

The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

none other is so loving, so good and kind.

**Repeat Refrain**

Prayer

**Almighty God, we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from the grave, defeated sin, death, and darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise you! This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Risen Lord. Amen.**

Special Music “Give Me Jesus”

Ken Raper

Gospel Lesson Matthew 28:1-10

Message “The Power of Words”

Pastor Regina Harrison

Closing Song “Because He Lives”

1: God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
he lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

**Refrain:**

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;**

**because he lives, all fear is gone;**

**because I know he holds the future,**

**and life is worth the living just because he lives.**

2: How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
but greater still the calm assurance,  
this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

**Repeat Refrain**

3: And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
and then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

**Repeat Refrain**

Blessing and Benediction

\*All are invited to breakfast prepared by the United Methodist Men  
7:30 am, Swansboro UMC in Building 3