



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



**Easter Sunday
Sunrise, March 31, 2024, 6:30 a.m.
Swansboro Bicentennial Park**

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Easter Sunrise Worship

Welcome and Prayer

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 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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.

Song “Sing Alleluia to the Lord”

Sing Alleluia to the Lord!
Sing Alleluia to the Lord!
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia!
Sing alleluia to the Lord!

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord ...
In Christ the world has been redeemed ...
Christ's resurrection sets us free ...

Gospel Lesson John 20:1-18

Message “From Grief and Glory to Resurrection”

Closing Song “Because He Lives”

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.**

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

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