

Order of Worship
Centenary United Methodist Church

March 9, 2008 - Fifth Sunday in Lent **Easter Cantata**

TRACK 1

Entrance

Gathering
Welcome and Announcements
The Striking of the Hour - Mari Smallshaw
Lighting the Candles - Acolytes

Each musical selection is preceded by narration by Alan Takseraas

Prelude: Jesus' Triumphal Entry: ***Comes The King*** - arr. Christopher

Praise, Prayers, and Proclamation

TRACK 2 *Call to Worship:

Leader: Let all who would seek the love and power of the Lord be welcome.
People: **For we were all once lost and each of us in Christ received new life.**
Leader: Each of us was once dead to the Lord, but in the Cross we now live.
People: **Then let us all come together and sing praise unto God's holy name.**
Leader: And let all who would know of Christ come join us and worship.
People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise: *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* No. 383

TRACK 3 Congregational Prayer:

O God, even while we were yet living in the world of darkness and sin You knew us and sent us a Savior. Restore the wounds of our hearts, God. In Christ we pray. Amen.

The Last Supper: ***Jesus, At Your Holy Table*** - arr. Christopher

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination:
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14 NRSV OT Pew Bible No. 759
Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:6-11 NRSV NT Pew Bible No. 147
*Psalter: Psalm 130 No. 848
*Affirmation: A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada No. 883

*Glory Be to the Father: No. 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

TRACK 4 Giving Back to God Through Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Anthem: Jesus on the Cross: ***The Wonderful Cross*** - arr. Christopher
*Doxology: No. 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Children may now leave to go to Super Church.

*Hymn of Preparation: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* No. 2158
Gospel Lesson: John 11:1-45 NRSV NT Pew Bible No. 98
Pastor: The Word of God for the People of God Congregational Response: Thanks be to God!

TRACK 5 Praise To Our God: ***How Great Is Our God*** - arr. Christopher
with How Great Thou Art
Glorious Is Thy Name - arr. Christopher

Response of Faith

TRACK 6

Collection of Prayer Requests
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer: No. 895

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship
*Hymn of Dedication: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 384

Sending Forth

*The Blessing
TRACK 7*Response: ***Go Out And Tell*** - arr. Christopher
*Postlude