

Welcome to Philadelphia UMC

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

GATHERING IN THE DAWN

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE RESURRECTION STORY

Luke 24:1-12

L: On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

P: They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

L: When they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

P: While they were wandering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

L: In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,

P: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, He has risen!"

L: Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: *"The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."*

P: Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

L: In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

P: He is risen! He is risen indeed!

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-43

SERMON

"A Shepherd Eats"

Rev. Kathy Pryor

HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

Verse 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Chorus This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Verse 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

BENEDICTION

The tomb is empty,
Christ has risen.

As you journey in faith,
may your life be full,
your love be abundant,
and your hope be eternal.

Live this day and always for Christ Jesus
because the Risen Christ lives in you.

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Please join us for breakfast immediately following the service.

Easter Sunday Service also at 9:30 a.m. today in the sanctuary!