



As you gather for this Easter Service where we celebrate Christ's resurrection, we invite you to create an altar table where you will worship. After covering the table with some kind of cloth, you might want to include a cross, a lit candle, and symbols of new life like a sprig of dogwood blossoms, a butterfly, a shell or bowl of water representing baptism, and a picture of a newborn baby.

## **Welcome**

Rev. David Hockett  
Metro District Superintendent

## **Opening Music** *On the Third Day*

St. Paul United Methodist

Jesus was crucified  
Jesus was crucified  
He died and was buried  
Died and was buried  
Jesus was crucified

On the third day  
On the third day  
On the third day Christ arose  
On the third day  
On the third day  
On the third day Christ arose

He ascended into heaven  
And sitteth at the right hand  
Of God the Father Almighty  
He will come again to judge  
The living and the dead  
His kingdom will have no end

Christ is risen from the dead  
He is risen as He said  
He is alive, He is alive  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Christ has conquered death and sin  
Died for us our souls to win  
He is alive He is alive  
Alleluia

Ah alleluia  
Ah alleluia  
On the third day  
On the third day  
On the third day Christ arose

### Call to Worship

Rev. Bev Copley  
Northern Piedmont District Superintendent

Give thanks to the Lord!  
**God's steadfast love endures forever!**  
The Risen Lord is our strength and our might,  
**And he has become our salvation.**  
The Lord is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Response

Rev. Emmanuel K. Boakye-Yiadom, All Nations United Methodist  
Rev. In-Yong Lee, Rutherfordton First United Methodist  
Pilar Perez, Hickory Grove United Methodist

### Opening Prayer

Rev. Angela Pleasants  
Catawba Valley District Superintendent

### Opening Hymn *Ain't No Grave*

Martha Bassett & Jonathan Emmons  
Centenary United Methodist

There ain't no grave can hold my body down  
There ain't no grave can hold my body down  
When I hear that trumpet sound I'm gonna rise right out of the ground  
Ain't no grave can hold my body down

Well, look way down the river, what do you think I see?  
I see a band of angels and they're coming after me  
Ain't no grave can hold my body down  
There ain't no grave can hold my body down

Well, look down yonder Gabriel, put your feet on the land and see  
But Gabriel don't you blow your trumpet 'til you hear it from me  
There ain't no grave can hold my body down  
Ain't no grave can hold my body down

Well, meet me Jesus, meet me. Meet me in the middle of the air  
And if these wings don't fail me I will meet you anywhere  
Ain't no grave can hold my body down  
There ain't no grave can hold my body down

Well, meet me mother and father, meet me down the river road  
And momma you know that I'll be there when I check in my load  
Ain't no grave can hold my body down  
There ain't no grave can hold my body down

**Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39**

Rev. Beth Crissman  
Blue Ridge District Superintendent

Pastor: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine,  
or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: **No! In all things we are more than conquerors  
through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither  
death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things  
present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor  
depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to  
separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our  
Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Prayer for Our Communities  
Followed by The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Mike Bailey  
Yadkin Valley District Superintendent

**Moment of Gratitude**

Dr. Carl Arrington  
Appalachian District Superintendent

**Scripture Reading**

[John 20:1-18](#)

Rev. Amy Coles  
Assistant to the Bishop

**Message**

Bishop Paul L. Leeland

**Moment of Reflection**

Rev. Laura Auten  
Uwharrie District Superintendent

**Closing Hymn**

*The Day of Resurrection*

[United Methodist Hymnal # 303](#)

Myers Park United Methodist

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

## Blessing & Benediction

Rev. Linda Kelly  
Smoky Mountain District Superintendent

## Closing Music

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today  
(He Is Risen, Indeed!)*

Rev. Kyle Sigmon  
FaithBridge United Methodist

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons and daughters and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, O thy grave? Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen today!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen today!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen today!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen today!

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!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen today!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen today!

He is risen! He is risen, indeed!  
He is risen! He is risen, indeed!  
He is risen! He is risen, indeed!  
Christ the Lord is risen today!



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