

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

**Welcome/Easter Greeting**

Leader: Christ is risen!

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**The Gathering**

Leader: We are here to celebrate our risen Lord's presence,  
and affirm the fulfillment of God's promise of life.

**All: Here we discover the meaning of life, know the power of love,  
and together, celebrate new life in Christ.**

Leader: To this place and time we have come.

God is with us in community as we look to the future with hope.

**All: With neighbors, friends, and acquaintances,  
we have come together to worship and give God praise.**

**All: May we now celebrate new life in Jesus the Christ,  
and sing our praise of a loving and compassionate God.**

CREATION

## Morning Has Broken

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Unison

C Am Dm G F C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Am Em/G F Em Dm G

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

C F C Am Dm/F

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

D7/F# C/G F G7 C

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 (Lam. 3:22-23)

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## Passing of the Peace

### Prayer

Leader: Let us join our spirits and voices to pray to our God whose love changes everything...

**All: Holy and Living God, like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life. Open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, and to your peace. Open us up to each other, and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**                      Isaiah 42.1-9 CEB

**Gospel Reading**                              Luke 24.1-12 CEB

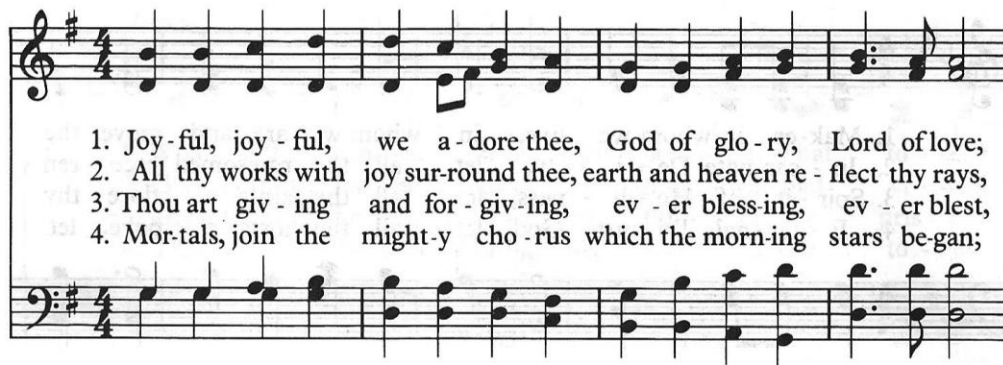
**Easter Reflection**                      *Signs of Life*                                      Rev. Rick Schilling

**Hymn**                                      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*                                      UMH 89  
(Hymn Printed on Page 4)

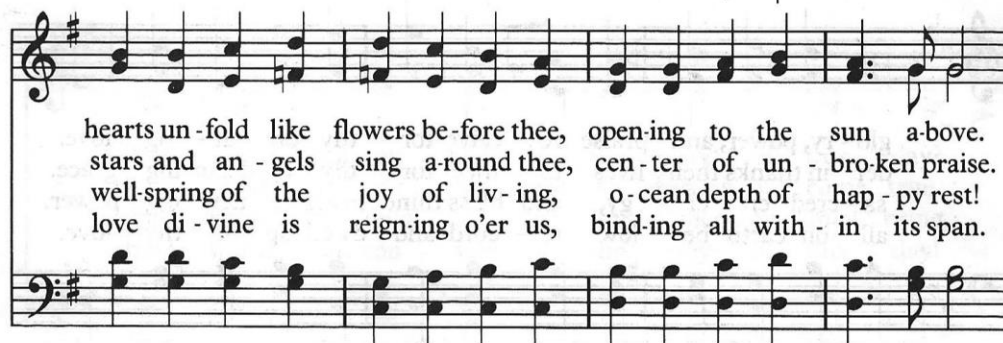
### Benediction and Sending Forth

We invite you to join us at Spruce Pine United Methodist Church's outdoor cross at 10:00 a.m. this morning to help flower the cross, and join us at 11:00 a.m. for Easter worship

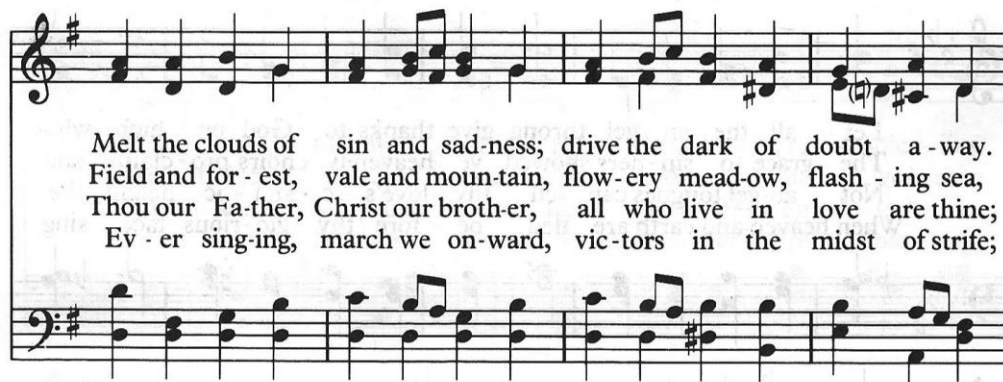
## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



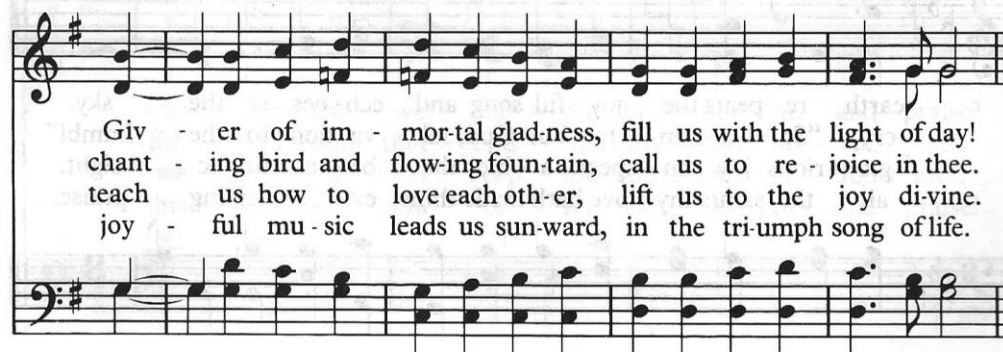
1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;  
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,  
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,  
 4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!  
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.  
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.