

Welcome & Prayer

*Opening Song — “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*Confession and Forgiveness

Merciful God, please don’t let us ever feel that Christ has died and risen in vain. Please forgive and deliver us from the sins that harden us against Your Good News of Easter.

We confess to You that we sometimes live under pessimism, as if Christ were dead and buried forever, leaving us to walk alone.

We confess to You that sometimes we live under guilt, as if Christ’s forgiveness were only attainable by those who are worthy.

We confess that sometimes we see ourselves as losers in spite of Christ’s victory. We live as beggars in the midst of the riches of Your grace, we stoop like slaves despite Your Easter declaration of freedom.

Forgive our sins and fill us with the breath of Your Spirit. Deliver us from negative thoughts that can cripple us, from popular ideas that would mislead us, from wounded memories that would infect us, and from a pre-Easter doubt that would entomb us. Restore to us the joy of Easter, and lead us in the way everlasting.

*Prayer of the Evening

Dear God, You are astounding! At the end of all Your surprises You send among us Jesus who was crucified, dead and buried, and risen into glory. He comes now as a living Lord, defying our locked doors, banishing our fears, greeting us with peace, and overwhelming us with awe and wondering love. Please receive our thanks, our praise and our worship, and continue to bless us beyond our deserving, as we lift up our voices in celebration. Amen.

Special Music — “At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

Ellie Spieker

Old Testament Lesson — Psalm 77:3-11

Children’s Message

Song — “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Gospel — Luke 24:1-12

Sermon — “The Path Out of Doubt”

Song — “Living Hope”

*Affirmation of Faith — The Apostle’s Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Holy Communion

*Words of Institution for Holy Communion

*Lord’s Prayer

Distribution Songs — Special Music

“What an Awesome God”

Whitney Gray

“Truth Be Told”

Corbin Maaland

*Blessing

*Closing Song — “My Redeemer Lives” *(Noisy Band)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Please stand if you are able.*

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 77:3-11

³ I remembered You, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit grew faint. ⁴ You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak. ⁵ I thought about the former days, the years of long ago; ⁶ I remembered my songs in the night. My heart meditated and my spirit asked: ⁷ “Will the Lord reject forever? Will He never show His favor again? ⁸ Has His unfailing love vanished forever? Has His promise failed for all time? ⁹ Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has He in anger withheld His compassion?” ¹⁰ Then I thought, “To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out His right hand. ¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

¹ 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. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” ⁸ Then they remembered His words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

*Thank you to all who purchased flowers to decorate our worship space for Easter.
Flowers may be taken home today after the service.*

2 Hyacinths in memory of Bobby & Marge Frad and Howard & Helene Simons,
by Carl & Becky Simons.

A Calla Lily in memory of all our family and friends who have gone before us,
by Del & Lois Christman.

A Hydrangea in memory of Anthony Dotson,
by Jim & Joan Unrau.

An Easter Lily in honor of God's great mercy,
by Bryce & Lita Butler.

2 Easter Lilies in memory of their parents Frank & Fern Hargens and
Franklin & Erlene Schutter, by Marvin and Janet Schutter.

A Tulip in memory of Tom,
by Jean & Dawn Willey.

An Easter Lily in memory of their daughter Monica,
by Stan & Jodene Jongma.

An Easter Lily and a Tulip in memory of their parents,
by Kent & Carol Heazlett.

2 Tulips in memory of the deceased Fear and Hatting family members,
by Becky Fear-Hatting.

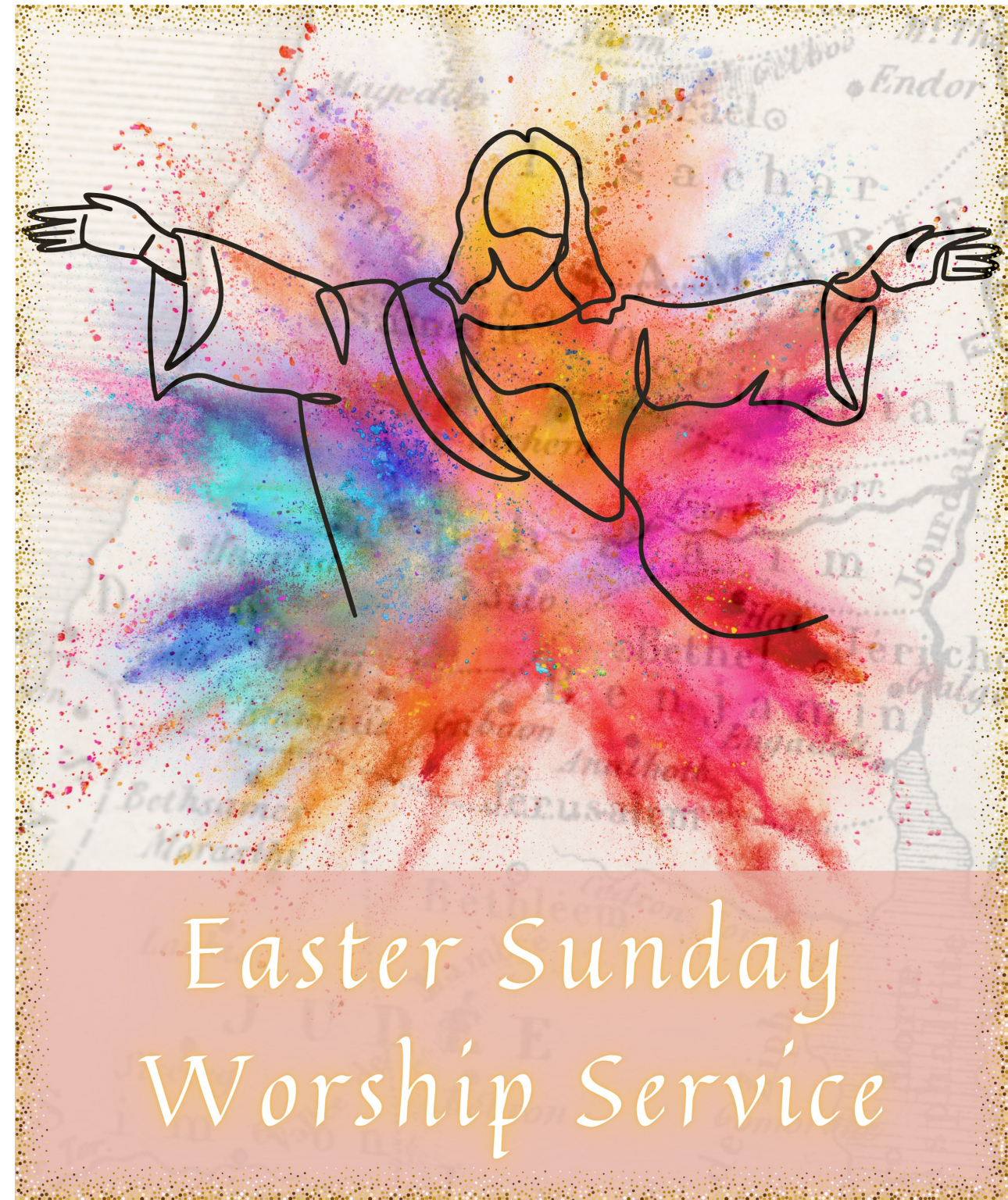
An Easter Lily in memory of Dave's sister Debra Susie Lattner,
by David & Linda Susie.

An Easter Lily and a Hydrangea in memory of Sharon's brother Keith Dannatt
and their nephew Chad Simington, by David & Sharon Simington.

2 Easter Lilies and 2 Tulips in memory of David Donaldson,
by Isaiah & Whitney Gray & family.

2 Hydrangeas in memory of Del & Charin Brockshus and Earl Kooker,
by Beth & Ross Brockshus.

2 Easter Lilies in memory of my mom, Doris Andersen, and in honor of my dad,
Stan Anderson, by Denise Lovitt.



Easter Sunday Worship Service