



Sunset United Church

Easter Sunrise Service



April 21, 2019

Opening Words:

It was dawn. The Sun was warming the earth. The birds were singing.

**The beauty of the day was lost on the grieving women.
It may as well have been midnight as they approached
the tomb.**

It was dawn. The earth was rejoicing. The breeze whispered alleluias across the land.

**It made no sense. The stone had moved. The body
was gone. Confusion and fear shoved grief to the side.**

It was dawn. The trees swayed in the rhythm of songs from the heavens.

**Dazzling clothes, strange voices, familiar words: On
the third day Jesus will rise again.**

It was dawn. The women were running. The words were forming.

Christ is risen! Come and see!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Hymn: VU#167 Christ is Risen from the Dead

Christ is risen from the dead, glory, hallelujah! (2x)

Jesus Christ is risen, glory, hallelujah (2x)

Prayer

Scripture: John 20: 1-18

Sing: MV#121 Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing Hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun!

Poem: Sunday - Hannah Faith Notes

Prayer:

For the life of Jesus, which brings us new life.

We give thanks to God.

For the death of Jesus, which re-directs our focus.

We give thanks to God.

For the resurrection of Jesus, which brings us hope in all things.

We give thanks to God.

For the life of the church, a community of faith seeking to bring love and justice into the world.

We give thanks to God.

For our life renewed in Christ, moving us to acts of courage and compassion.

We give thanks to God.

On this Easter morning, let us lift our voices in thanksgiving!

Christ is risen! We give thanks to God!

Amen.

Hymn: VU#958 Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (hallelujah!)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!