

# SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.”*



**March 31, 2024**

**Easter Sunday**

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*\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* Jeaninne Armstrong  
*Because He Lives*  
*The Power of the Cross &*  
*Christ the Lord Has Risen Today*  
*Holy City* Dustin Adkins & Jeaninne Armstrong

RINGING OF THE BELL

PROCESSIONAL *Rigaudon,*  
by Andre Campra

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The tomb is dark, but empty

**All: The one you are looking for has overcome the  
darkness**

One: The stone has been rolled away

**All: The one you are looking for has overcome death**

One: The burial clothes are put aside

**All: The one you are looking for is alive!**

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is Risen Indeed! Let us worship our Risen  
Savior!** *-written by Rev. Mindi at <http://rev-o-lution.org/>*

UNISON PRAYER

**Creator of Life, in raising Christ Jesus up, though, out of,  
and beyond the chains of death, You opened for us the way  
to eternal and abundant life. May our Alleluias on this day  
float high above the ceiling of what we think we know and  
transcend to the heaven of what we believe— and thus live.  
Raise us up! Renew our lives! Resurrect our dreams!  
Through Jesus Christ our Living Savior, Amen!**

*-written by Karen Turner*

FIRST READING

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

\*OPENING HYMN     *Crown with Your Richest Crowns*     NCH#213

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION INVITATION     This table is open to ALL who wish to partake

HYMN OF PREPARATION     *He Lives*     HFG#299

COMMUNION PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION MEDITATION     *The Rejoicing*  
by Charles Callahan

SECOND READING     Mark 16:1-8

FAMILY MOMENT

MESSAGE     "He Is Not Here"

HYMN OF RESPONSE     *Christ Arose*     HFG#298

BLESSING OF THE FOOD BANK OFFERINGS

OFFERING MEDITATION

\*DOXOLOGY     NCH#780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that Love has done,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Because He Lives*

HFG#292

\*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*A Joyous Recessional*  
by Matthew H. Corl



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*TODAY WE THANK*

**GERALD JOHNSON AND JEANINE ARMSTRONG**  
*FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL GIFTS WITH US.*

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

Tuesday, 10:00 am. – Bible Study

Wednesday, 9:00 am, Conversational Coffee, 10:00 am Property and Finance Meeting, Community Meal, 6:00 pm.

**Announcements:**

Salem is 140 this year! Plan to celebrate with us for our birthday weekend of July 13th-14th, and again during Fall Kickoff in September. Look for more information as our plans evolve.

Our congregational meeting is next Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, after worship. Look for documents to go out via email this week.