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**EASTER**

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## **Gathering**

### ***Come, Now is the Time to Worship***

By Brian Doerksen (adapted Gary Barmore)

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come just as you are to worship;  
Come just as you are before your God.  
Come.

Ev'ry day we live in the light of God's love,  
Ev'ry day we walk by faith.  
Now we're here to open our hearts once more,  
Now we give thanks for grace.

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Come, come, come!

## **Singing**

### ***Morning Has Broken***

by Eleanor Farjeon and Dale Grotenhuis

Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
of the new day!

## **Centering**

### **Joy Dorko**

Yesterday we thought death had won.  
Yesterday we thought all was lost.  
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.  
But not today.  
Today we know that love has won.  
Today we know that hope is real.  
Today we know that Christ is here.  
We have a reason to hope.  
We have a reason to sing!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen today.

## **Playing**

### **Fresh Word**

**Praying**  
**Craig Tyrl**  
**Administrative Pastor IUCC**

***Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***

By Ken Medema

Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, Send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.  
[repeat]

**Offering**  
***We Are an Offering***  
By Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.  
God, use our voices, God, use our hands,  
God, use your lives, they are yours,  
We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;  
we are an offering, we are an offering.

**Singing**  
***Return to You***  
by Can Olgun, Andra Moran, Ben Grace  
**Joy Dorko, Jenna Hansen, Jaime Reza**

**Reading**  
***Luke 24:1-12***

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

## Learning

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

## Singing

*Hope Will Rise Again*

Joy Dorko, Jenna Hansen, Jaime Reza

## Sending

*Carry the Light*

By Debby Moylan

We have all witnessed your presence,  
We have received your grace.  
We give you honor and glory,  
For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the good news.  
Now we go out to share your love.  
Now we go out to share the good news.  
Now we go out to share your love:

Carry the light! Carry the light!  
Carry the light to all the Earth!  
Carry the light! Carry the light!  
Carry the light of Jesus Christ!

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