Prelude - Paula Butler Welcome - Pastor Diana Hunter Bell Ringing/silence/ Musical Meditation

### Circle Hymn 328 Surely The Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.



### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen in deed! Alleluia!

Light out of darkness!

Life out of death!

Hope out of despair!

Power out of surrender!

God, this is your grace, marvelous and wonderful!

This is your way, always and forever.

You raise us up with Christ, and we thank you.

You create us anew, and we worship you. Alleluia!

Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

# Hymn 302 Christ the Lord is Risen Today vs 1,2,3

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Earth and Heaven in chorus Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!



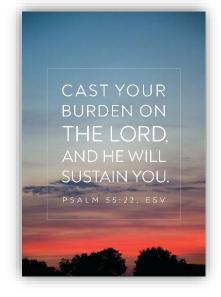
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting, Alleluia! Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

### **Prayers of the People**

Please share your requests and joys in comments

### (Sing 3 times) Lord, listen to your children praying

Lord, listen to your children praying
Lord send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying
Send us Love, send us Power, send us Grace.



# Pastoral Prayer said by Pastor

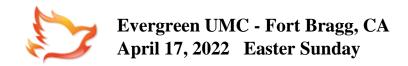
### Lord's Prayer said by all:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen

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### **Doxology**





### Hymn 306 The strife is o'er the battle done

Antiphon:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed; let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead; all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! (Antiphon) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



**Gospel John 20:1-18** 

Message - Rev. Diana Hunter

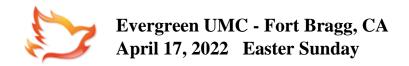
## Hymn 311 Now the green blade riseth

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain, Thinking that He never would awake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead the risen One is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.



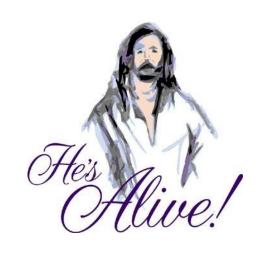
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

### Hymn 318 Christ is alive vs 1,2,5

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now, and conquer every place and time.

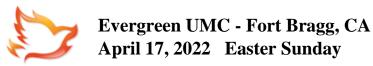
Christ is alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age til earth and all creation ring with joy and justice, love and praise.



#### **Benediction**

Postlude - Paula Butler





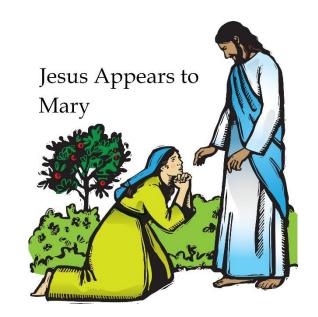
# The Magdalene's Blessing For Easter Day

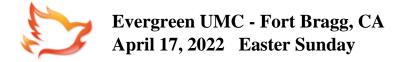
You hardly imagined standing here, everything you ever loved suddenly returned to you, looking you in the eye and calling your name.

And now
you do not know
how to abide this hole
in the center
of your chest,
where a door
slams shut
and swings open
at the same time,
turning on the hinge
of your aching
and hopeful heart.

I tell you, this is not a banishment from the garden.

This is an invitation, a choice, a threshold, a gate.





This is your life calling to you from a place you could never have dreamed, but now that you have glimpsed its edge, you cannot imagine choosing any other way.

So let the tears come as anointing, as consecration, and then let them go.

Let this blessing gather itself around you. Let it give you what you will need for this journey.

You will not remember the words—they do not matter.

All you need to remember is how it sounded when you stood in the place of death and heard the living call your name.

Rev. Jan Richardson

