



MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1, 1956 at 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

"Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

PRELUDE "Festival Prelude" Dudley Buck

THE CALL TO WORSHIP By the Choir

THE OPENING HYMN NO. 154 "Christ the Lord is risen today"

INVOCATION - (In unison) O Thou immortal Christ, who by Thy victory over death and the grave hast brought life and immortality to light, raise us, by faith in Thee, from the grave of sin, and deliver us from the mortal darkness of unbelief that our hearts may be fortified with an eternal hope and our affections set upon things above. In His name, we pray. Amen.

THE RESPONSIVE READING PAGE 629, 1st reading "Easter Day"

GLORIA - MEDITATION - "Easter Forever"

SILENT PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER - RESPONSE BY CHOIR

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 24:1-12

THE OFFERTORY "Open the Gates of the Temple" Knapp

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS (10:45 service)

SOLO (1st service) "The Holy City" Adams
Mr. C. G. Teolis

ANTHEM (2nd service) "An Easter Antiphon" Goldsworthy
Adult and Junior Choirs

THE SERMON "Too Great For The Grave"

THE CLOSING HYMN NO. 150 "Sing with all the sons of glory"

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Alleluia" Rockwell

Mrs. E. R. Sharman, Organist - Mr. C. G. Teolis, Choir Director
Louis A. Haruf, Pastor

You are welcome to leave the children in the nursery.

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

7:00 PM - Intermediate Youth will meet at the home of Mrs. Sid Boston, 1106 Park Ave. Those who will need a ride are asked to come to the church by 6:45.

Senior MYF - After attending the Sunrise Service and an Easter Breakfast at the parsonage, they do not plan to meet this evening.

7:00 PM - Bible Study Hour "Fellowship of the Burning Heart" led by the pastor.

Tuesday 7:00 PM - Boy Scout meeting at the church.

Tuesday 2:00 PM - The Alethea Class will meet at the church. Hostesses are: Mrs. George Batchelor, Mrs. Clara Watson and Mrs. Fred Snow.

Wednesday, April 4 - W.S.C.S. District meeting will be at Bethel Church in Pueblo from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Those wishing to go please phone Mrs. J. B. Lynn, 527R, by Monday.

Thursday 9:45 A.M. - W.S.C.S. Executive Board meeting. Christian Education Hour at 11:00 AM with Mrs. E. E. Graham having the lesson "Methodist Committee Overseas Relief". Luncheon at 12:15 PM. Program "Sunset Hour" by Mrs. Don Spaulding. Election of Officers. Mrs. James Wiant will give the devotions and Mrs. Edward Holley will have charge of the program "Christian Discipleship Today" Members are reminded to bring in their Treasure Chests. A Nursery will be provided.

Thursday 7:30 PM - Regular monthly meeting of the Official Board. All members are urged to attend.

Saturday 11:00 A.M. - The Youth Choir will meet for practice in the church auditorium.

The meeting of the Methodist Men has been changed from the regular meeting date (1st Tues of Month) to Friday April 13th. Please keep this in mind.

Any new people with us this morning are asked to sign one of the cards in the holders on the back of the pews and drop in the offertory plates. Thank you.

Whom Seek Ye?

WHEN the guide to the Garden tomb in Jerusalem, a Christian Arab, shows visitors about, he always repeats the question the angels asked the women on that first Easter morning, "Whom seek ye?" And whether the visitors come out of idle curiosity or reverent interest, they become silent, and then try to answer.

It is a question for all of us at Easter time. Whom do we seek? Not the preacher or our fellow church members. Not the choir. Not the children, who always make the day one of special gladness and promise. Not the dear ones who have gone before, outrunning us to the Father's house.

Whom do we seek? A wonder-worker to solve our problems for us? A friend to sympathize with us in sorrow? A king to command every shred of our loyalty? A champion to go down into the battle for us? A Saviour to show us how, because he lived, and died, and rose again, we may share his life?

Faith is life, but not just any kind of life. It is exacting, costly life. It is rewarding, satisfying life. It is complete, committed life. It is eternal life, the life of Easter morning.

Prayer:

O risen Christ, we come to the open tomb, seeking not our friends, or our ambitions, or answers to our problems, but thee. Guide our steps, open our eyes, purify our hearts. AMEN.