

Front Royal United Methodist Church

April 5, 2015 – Easter Sunrise Celebration

A TIME OF PREPARATION AND MEDITATION

***THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT** “This is the Day” (sung responsively)
This is the day that the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*THE GREETING

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Morning Has Broken”

***CENTERING PRAYER**
Eternal Lord of Life, through your Son you have bestowed the light of life upon on the world. Grant that our hearts and minds also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ’s rising. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION John 20:1-18

MEDITATION “Finally Sunrise” **Rev. Denise Bates**

EASTER PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Resurrected Christ, you come to us when we least expect, offering us lives of a different kind of abundance.

People: Yet we often fail to sense your presence with us and misuse your generous gifts.

Leader: Joyful Spirit, you long to turn our mourning into dancing, to change our funeral clothes into garments of exuberance.

People: Sad or afraid, we often struggle to lift our feet to your music or wear an emotion that matches your joy.

All: Forgive us, Creator of all, for failing to live in tune with your love. Even when we have lost faith in you, do not lose faith in us. Make us once again into your faithful people, inspired and inspiring others. (continue to pray in silence)

EASTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Leader: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

People: Now we give ourselves for others.

Leader: You have raised us with Christ, and made us a new people

People: As people of the resurrection, we will serve with joy.

Leader: Your glory has filled our hearts.

All: Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

*DISMISSAL

*CLOSING HYMN

“He Lives”

**Please stand in praise as you are able.*