

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
April 20, 2014
Easter Sunday

Those who are able may stand where marked (*).

*Gathering Music #357 "Christ Arose" *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome & Announcements *Deacon—Phil Krill*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Ministry of the Acolyte

Responsive Reading:

One: Deep in the darkness you lay, dear Jesus;
we saw you die; it broke our hearts in two.

**All: Soft in the silence you lay, dear Jesus,
we wept as they laid you in the ground.**

One: Sorrowful, missing the sound of your voice,
sad that we would never hear you call our name again,

**All: Grieving, we came to this green and solemn place
to pour out our tears at your tomb.**

One: And then this . . . Dear Jesus, then impossible this!
Our eyes won't take in . . . our fine words elude . . .

**All: Open our hearts to this moment, dear Jesus;
help us perceive what we cannot express;
help us receive what we cannot imagine;
help us to welcome your warm, loving presence
alive! O, dear crucified Jesus, alive! Alive!**

*Hymn: #367 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Choir Anthem "Christ, the Lord, is Risen" *Pinkston*

Children's Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration
(please fill out a blue card in the pew)
Pastoral Prayer
Savior's Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music
*Doxology #815
*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn: #635 "In the Garden"

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "And in His Love, We Live!"

*Hymn: #358 "Because He Lives"

*Benediction

*Response #357 "Christ Arose" *vs. 3*

*Ministry of the Acolyte

*Postlude