

**Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church
Easter Sunrise Service
March 23, 2008
6:30 AM**

Greeting

Oh sing to God a new song!
For God has done marvelous things!
Because of God's steadfast love to Israel,
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
For now Christ is risen from the dead!
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth.
Break forth into joyous song and praise.
For the Living God will rule the earth with righteousness.
Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus our risen Christ. Amen!

Singing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (verses 1,2,3)

Praying Together

O God, whose power breaks through the stone, break into our lives and free us from all that binds. Come, O Risen Christ, whose love is stronger than death, speak our names and bring us new life and liberated joy. Come, Holy Spirit, who walks the everyday road with us, give us wisdom to understand and courage to share the good news of new possibility with the whole world.

Scripture Matthew 28:1-10

Meditation

Singing "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Invitation to Holy Communion

Day of sorrow is forgotten when the guest
becomes the host, taking bread and blessing, breaking,
Jesus is himself made known.
Opened eyes, renewed convictions, journey back
to scenes of pain, telling all that Christ is risen.
Jesus is through us made known. (No. 309)

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Passing the Peace of Christ

Singing "Hymn of Promise"

Sending Forth

Join us for an Easter Breakfast immediately following this service!