

**Mocks United Methodist Church**  
***Easter Sunrise Service***  
**April 16, 2017 6:45 am**

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy morning in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the Church to watch and pray.

This is the Passover of Christ, in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

**People's Response: "Alleluia!"**

Let us pray:

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Genesis 1:3-5

Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Light the Paschal Candle

Christ is our light!

**People's Response: "Behold, the light of the world!"**

Luke 24:5

The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.’”

**People’s response: “*Christ is alive, Alleluia!*”**

Process inside

(As you go inside, stop at the baptismal, touch the water and remember your baptism, and be thankful. Because of this day, we are raised to new life by the resurrection of our Lord from the dead.)

Inside

Hymn	<i>Up from the Grave He Arose</i>	# 322
Easter Proclamation with Response		
Hymn	<i>He is Lord</i>	# 177
Scripture	I Corinthians 15:1-14 NRSV	
Hymn	<i>He Lives</i>	# 310

*A light breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall after the service.*

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