

A Warm Welcome to the
New Franklin Community Ruritan
Easter Service

Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 7:00 am

*Rev. Michael Allwein,
Rev. Julia L. Brown, and Pastor Nat Knoll*

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: This is the day our God has made.

All: We rejoice and are glad in it!

L: God is my strength and my song.

All: God is my salvation!

L: Christ our Lord is risen!

All: The stone is rolled away!

L: Death has now been destroyed,

All: The stone is rolled away!

L: Come, bow down and worship.

All: The stone has been rolled away!

L: Come let us adore our God!

All: The stone has been rolled away!

L: Give God all glory.

All: The stone has been rolled away!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today ” (handout)

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Leader: God of mystery and might, your wonderous love always seems to catch us off guard. We come to the tomb looking for death, but find life instead. As we behold the glory of our salvation, take us back to that moment of discovery—when grief and loss gave way to a glimmer of hope. Before we shout our alleluias, remind us of the moment when despair was

transported into glimpses of new possibilities. In the holy awe of Easter morning, we take a moment of silent gratitude that Christ calls each of us by name... Shout it from the mountaintop:

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Amen!

HYMN “Amazing Grace” (handout)

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:1-8

SERMON Pastor Nat Knoll

PASTORAL PRAYER & OUR LORD’S PRAYER

Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth; you have mercy on us so that whoever believes in your gracious love, should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the salvation you have granted to us through Jesus the light of the world, the Risen One. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts as we pray the words our Jesus taught us.....

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN** “Blessed Assurance” (handout)

***COMMISSION and SENDING**

“I am the Resurrection and the life.”

L: May Christ’s rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.

All: We go forth in joy!

L: All who believe in Christ will never perish. May you pass with Christ from death to life.

All: We go forth in joy!

L: Christ has gone to prepare a place for you. May his Resurrection bring you joy and peace in believing so you may abound in hope.

All: We go forth in joy!

L: May God’s blessing send you forth on this morning of Resurrection!

All: Amen! Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!

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*Liturgies adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2013,
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*The New Franklin Ruritan invites us to gather in the
Community Center for a time of fellowship and
refreshments.*



Easter Sunrise Service

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