



\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gospel Reading**     Matthew 28:1-10

Sandy Ross

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Message

*Ripples of New Beginnings*

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

\*Hymn

*Thine Be the Glory*

UMH 308

Invitation to Communion

Sarah Chambers

**Prayer of Confession**

**Risen Lord,**

**we have seen the empty tomb,**

**and yet we sometimes act as if we have seen nothing.**

**We continue to doubt Your power and presence in our lives.**

**We fail to trust Your promises.**

**We live as people without hope.**

**Help us to remember the words of the angel who said,**

**"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus,**

**who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."**

**Forgive us and raise us up to abundant new life**

**through the power of Your love. AMEN.**

**Assurance and Pardon**

Leader: Darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls!

Christ is Risen! His love and mercy are poured out for you.

Rejoice!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Alleluia! AMEN.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**UMH 17**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

And so, we Your people on earth

and with all the company of heaven

praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You . . . And so, in remembrance

of these Your might acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Music During Communion:** Bread of the World

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**Prayer Following Communion**

**Eternal God,**

**we give You thanks for this holy mystery  
in which You have given Yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of Your Spirit,**

**to give ourselves to others**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. AMEN.**

\*Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

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**Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Postlude**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Franconia Musica