

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017 – 6:00 a.m.**  
Opequon Presbyterian Church  
Kernstown United Methodist Church

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†All who are able, please stand.

**Bold print—all respond.**

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

GATHERING SONG ..... *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We come in these early hours with hearts and voices still wrapped in night.

**We come with spices, flowers, and sorrow, not certain of what awaits.**

We come to the miracle of an open, empty tomb, the rock rolled aside.

**We come to the mysterious and wonderful news proclaimed through joyful witness: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

UNISON PRAYER AT THE DAWN OF RESURRECTION DAY

**Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your Church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, “He is risen, indeed!” Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.**

GREETING

†HYMN..... *I Danced in the Morning*

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

ANTHEM ..... *My Savior, My God*  
PS 150

NEW TESTAMENT READING..... John 20:1-18

DRAMA .....“Don’t You See?”

HYMN..... *Christ Arose*

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE ..... The Flowering Cross  
ANTHEM ..... *Mighty To Save*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

†DEPARTING HYMN ..... *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

†SENDING FORTH WITH A CHARGE AND BLESSING

We have journeyed with Jesus, from manger to cross. We have stood at the tomb, discovering the good news – Christ is risen!

**Now the task is ours – to share his story with all, to live the promise of the kingdom each and every day.**

May Christ who rose from the dead rise in your heart, that life in all its fullness may be known in you and through you this day and forevermore.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**CHRIST IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

In the name of our Risen Savior, we greet all who are worshiping with us today, early in the morning! We gather as a community of faith, hope, and love. Our focus is Jesus Christ. We are here to celebrate the new life and joy of his resurrection. Please be sure to introduce yourself to those you don’t know and join us again at Kernstown United Methodist Church (10:20 am worship on Sundays) or Opequon Presbyterian Church (8:30 & 11:00 am worship on Sundays). Please also join us for a HOT breakfast in the Fellowship Hall of the church following our worship service. Special thanks to the Men of Opequon (“MOO”) for preparing and serving, under the leadership of Andy and Kyle Homan.

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP**

Susanna Shade and Graham Taylor..... Greeters & Ushers  
PS 150 Praise Band .....Opequon Presbyterian Church  
Matt Cooper, Sarah Shade, Directors  
Darryl, Nick & Zach Dawson, Susanna Shade,  
Rebekah Witt, Natalie Youngblood ..... Drama  
Aaron Fitch ..... Pastor, Kernstown United Methodist Church  
David Witt ..... Pastor, Opequon Presbyterian Church

