

Prelude

Meditation

If I gave you a few dates from history—just the dates, you would know, without even being told, what it was that happened on that day. July 4th, 1776? June 6th, 1944? Those are easy, but what was happening on the day before those days? What happened, not on December 7th, but on December 6th, 1941? Something happened, but nobody remembers. Here we are in the moments right before Jesus changes the world. What is happening?

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship

When it was evening on Friday, there came a man from Arimathea, named Joseph. He asked Pilate for the body of Jesus, and He gave the Lord a proper burial.

We want to care for the Lord. We want to honor Him. Even in the moments when we do not understand, we offer to God our humble service and faith.

On Holy Saturday, all was quiet and sad. It was a day of mourning. It was a day of questions and confusion. It was a time of prayer and waiting.

We submit ourselves to the refining action of God. We will not lose hope as we keep watch for the victory of our Lord and Savior.

When the sun came up on the first day of the week, they found that the tomb was empty, and they wondered what this might be.

Hope is alive! We have hope that our sin has been forgiven. We have hope that death has been defeated. We have hope that Jesus is alive forevermore!

Opening Song

All The Earth Will Sing Your Praises

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we are slow to admit that we need to learn. When we don't understand, we are more likely to act like we are wise. We hide our ignorance from the world, rather than admitting that we need to be taught something new and better. We still settle for lesser things, under the assumption that they are the best things, rather than opening our hearts to the still greater things that You are yet to reveal. We confess that we have come here this morning to honor only what we already understand about You. Please show us how to do more than that. Please show us the joyful miracle of new life, so that we may celebrate You in the fullness of the Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

Anthem Here I Am To Worship

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Reading Job 10:18-22

New Testament Reading Mark 16:1-8

Sermon "Dark Places" Keith Holmes

Final Song Alive And Breathing

Benediction/Postlude

