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**ANNUAL COMMUNITY
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

Singing Beach, Manchester by the Sea, MA

April 21, 2019, 5:53 AM

TRUMPET PRELUDE

Nikki Garvey

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Rev. Dr. Marlayna Schmidt

(As you say the words below, you are invited to get progressively louder)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

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Leader: **CHRIST IS RISEN!!!**

People: **CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!!!**

ALL: **ALLELUIA!!!**

HYMN: *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”* with trumpet (enclosed)

INVOCATION*: in unison

Pastor Ryan Ackerman

Gracious Redeemer, we come to you in the morning of the resurrection. We expect to find you among the tombs and grave clothes of our world, but you are alive. Sin cannot hold you; death cannot bind you; and, just as we have been weeping and mourning that you have been taken from us, you meet us in the garden of new life and send us running to share the good news of the gospel to the very ends of the earth. You are risen, indeed. We have seen you and so we believe that joy comes from grief. Because we are not left alone, we can join hands with one another and pray with hope. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:1-12

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¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The 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. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified,

and on the third day rise again.”⁸ Then they remembered his words,⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord...

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN: “*The Day of Resurrection*” with trumpet (enclosed)

AN EASTER MESSAGE The Reverend Luther Zeigler

EASTER PRAYER Rev. Dr. Marlayna Schmidt

BENEDICTION The Reverend Luther Zeigler

HYMN: “*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*” with trumpet (enclosed)

*from *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*.

Worship Leaders this morning:

Pastor Ryan Ackerman, Cornerstone Church (Baptist)

The Reverend Luther Zeigler, Minister of Emmanuel Church,
(Episcopal)

Rev. Dr. Marlayna Schmidt, Interim Pastor, First Parish Church,
Congregational, UCC

Nikki Garvey, Trumpet Player

Thank you for joining us for worship. May the Light and Love of the Risen Christ be with you this Easter Day!

Breakfast will be served at the American Legion Hall behind Town Hall immediately following the worship service this morning.

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Cornerstone Church (Baptist)— 20 School St. 10:00 a.m.

Emmanuel Church (Episcopal) – 24 Masconomo St. 10:00 a.m.

First Parish Church, Congregational, UCC – 10 Central St. 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church (Catholic) – 62 School St. 8:30 a.m.

