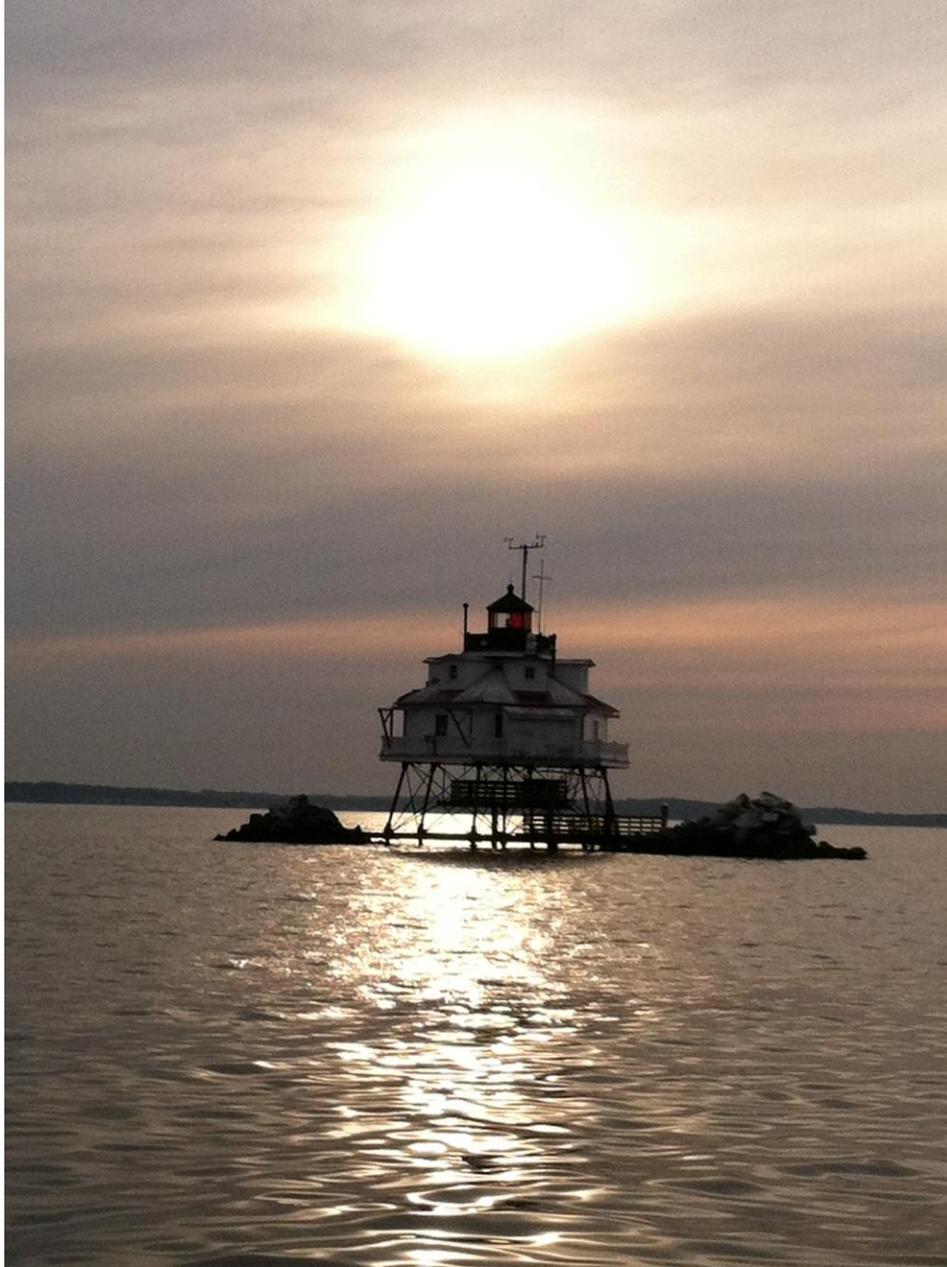


# **Easter Sunrise Service Thomas Point**



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# Eastport United Methodist Church

*All are welcome here! Your presence enriches this time of worship. We also extend a warm welcome to Calvary United Methodist Church and their clergy for being our guests today and sharing in our Easter sunrise service in this special place.*

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April 16, 2017

6:00 a.m.

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### The Lighting of the New Fire

#### The Gathering

#### Opening Prayer

Rev. Michelle Mejia

#### Song *Were You There? (last verse)*

*Were you there, when Christ rose up from the tomb? (2x)*

*Oh, Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when Christ rose up from the tomb?*

#### The Blessing of the New Fire

#### Lighting of the Paschal Candle

L: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

**A: Christ is our Light! Thanks be to God!**

## Hymn

### *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

## Prayer

One: Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead,  
victorious over sin and death, over suffering and shame,  
over all evil and wrong.

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, overcoming  
by the power of love, by patient trust and perseverance, by  
faith in God alone.

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, proving that  
nothing can separate us from God's love, showing us how  
far that love will go, and suffering for the sins of the  
world.

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, and we offer  
You our thanks and our praise, our prayers and our  
worship, our devotion and our service.

**All: Lord, Jesus, we greet You, and we pray with joy and confidence as you taught us, saying:**

*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.*

**Hymn**                      *Christ is Alive*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Not throned above, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior with the Father reigns.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

**Biblical Witness to the Resurrection**

John 20:1-18

**Easter Reflection**

Rev. Meredith Wilkins-Arnold

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Braulio Torres

**Hymn**            *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
    earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow,  
    flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in  
    love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

**L:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**A:** Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

**The Blessing**



*To the Management of Thomas Point Park, to the people of Eastport UMC for the fire pit and refreshments, to all who faithfully attend and participate in this service, and to all who contributed gifts, time, effort, services and resources to make this sunrise service possible – Thank you very much!*

### **Participating Clergy**

Rev. Michelle Mejia  
Eastport United Methodist Church

Rev. Meredith Wilkins-Arnold  
Calvary United Methodist Church

Rev. Braulio Torres  
Calvary United Methodist Church

### **Music Leader**

JoAnn Kulesza  
Eastport United Methodist Church

**+++ Happy and Blessed Easter +++**

