

Preacher: Michael B. Hancock
Deacon, New Hope Baptist Church,
Denver, CO

Presiding: Rev. Dr. James R. Ryan, Council Executive,
Colorado Council of Churches

Morning Prayer: Rev. Sallie Suby-Long, Associate Minister
St. Luke's United Methodist Church,
Highlands Ranch, CO

ASL Interpreter for the Deaf: Barbara Ardoin

Mayor Michael B. Hancock was first ordained as a Deacon at Macedonia Baptist Church in 1998 by Pastor Paul Martin. He was then ordained at New Hope Baptist Church by Pastor James D. Peters in 2006 and he continues his board responsibilities as a Deacon. In this capacity, the Mayor has served as a spiritual leader for a number of members of the congregation, taught numerous classes on biblical leadership and delivered sermon messages to churches locally and across the country. Mayor Hancock is the proud father of three children - Alayna, Jordan and Janae - and he and his wife, First Lady Mary Louise Lee, have been married for 17 years.

Jakarta Praise is a new adventure for Isaac Points, owner and leader of the Jakarta Band, Denver's hottest old school funk and high energy dance band. In 2010 Isaac took his talents to a whole new level when he started playing music at Park Hill United Methodist Church and New Hope Baptist Church both located in Denver. Through this experience he gained a renewed respect for the soulful rhythms exist in today's gospel music and decided to combine the talents of a divinely inspired choral group, Voices Of Majestic Praise (V.O.M.P.) of New Hope Baptist Church, with the funky style of music for which his band is famous. Blending of voices and soulful instrumentation produced an experience that once you hear it, you won't be able to stop yourself from praising the beat in the name of the Lord! For information about the Jakarta Band, please visit www.thejakartaband.com. For information about Voices of Majestic Praise of New Hope Baptist Church, please visit www.newhopedenver.org.

Available as a web-cast: This Easter Sunrise Service is being sent out live over the Internet. It will also be available as an archive, for you to enjoy later. Go to www.NetCastVideo.com and click on the link for Easter Sunrise Service. The site also offers links to weekly devotional services from a number of churches.

The member denominations of the
Colorado Council of Churches
are pleased to offer this service of worship and celebration.

Member Churches: African Methodist Episcopal, American Baptist Churches, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal, Church of the Brethren, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

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THE SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



Red Rocks Amphitheatre

**Sunday, April 8, 2012
6:00 a.m.**

**Sponsored by
the Member Denominations
of the
Colorado Council of Churches**

Easter Sunrise Service

(* Those who are able please stand)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Jakarta Praise

* CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. James R. Ryan

Leader: Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning.
The obstacles we expect to face have been
rolled away.

People: Where once death and despair laid locked
in time, now the bright light of hope sprouts
wings.

Leader: And all who encounter the Risen One will join
the Resurrection Procession.

People: Some of us will sing.
Some of us will silently soak it all in.
All of us will experience the joy.

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed!

* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

WELCOME

Dr. Ryan

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Sallie Suby-Long

* 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Dr. Ryan

The Offertory

Jakarta Praise

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

* Blessing of the Offering

THE EASTER GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

Mayor Michael B. Hancock

* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful”

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 our fear and 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;
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
stars of morning, take your part;
Love divine is reigning o’er us,
binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Dr. Ryan

We have gathered to worship,
we go forth to serve!

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