

EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

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Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter

April 9, 2023

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Te Deum (We Praise You, O God)
Kaitlyn DeHority, trumpet

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

INTROIT FOR DOUBLE CHOIR

Arisen Is Our Blessed Lord

Melchior Vulpus

Arisen is our blessed Lord, Alleluia, who comforts all with grace outpoured. Alleluia.

Had he not burst the bonds of hell, Alleluia, the world would bend under death's spell. Alleluia.

But now that Christ arose from sleep, Alleluia, with praise and thanks our voices leap. Alleluia!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus our Lord has conquered the grave.

People: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord Jesus,

through the power of the Holy Spirit

we have been raised from the waters of baptism

to share in your glorious resurrection.

Yet we have not lived as Easter people.

We are unsure of your promise,

confused about your will,

and afraid in the face of danger.

Like Mary, we weep at the tomb,

but do not recognize your presence.

Call us by name, risen Lord,

that we may know you with confidence.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death;

whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts;

whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,

forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation

through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 587, *sung twice*)

Celtic Alleluia



***THE PEACE**

Esther Hethcox

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **Faithful God,
the strength of all who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen,
have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

(Pew Bible, NT Page 201)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Cris Rivera

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***HYMN**

Psalm 118

Sung to *Diademata*

*God is my strength and song,
The Savior I have found;
Now from the tents of all the just
Comes the triumphant sound:*

*“The right hand of the Lord
Has gained the victory!
The right hand of the Lord has won,
Has triumphed gloriously!”*

*I shall not die but live,
And make the Lord's works known;
The stone the builders cast aside
Is now the cornerstone.*

*This is the Lord's own work
And marvelous to see;
The Lord has acted on this day,
We praise his victory.*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

(Pew Bible, NT Page 114)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Mindy Douglas

SERMON

"Light in the Darkness"

Mindy Douglas

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

Esther Hethcox

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

*HYMN NO. 242

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

In Dir Ist Freude

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

The *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* will be received at this time. **Please use the specially marked envelope provided in your bulletin.** Your generous gifts to this offering provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help empower the poor and oppressed around the world.

Offertory Anthem

My Savior from a Garden Rose

Eleanor Daley (2001)

My Savior in a garden lay, perfumed with spices rare, for tender hands had laid him there to rest amid the roses.

'Twas on a cross they laid him bare, and pierced his hands with nails, that we poor ones might live again and be with him in glory. Alleluia.

My Savior from a garden rose to go for us to heaven, and he will come and take us there, To be with him forever. Alleluia. Amen.

*Doxology

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Now let the vault of heaven resound
In praise of Love that doth abound,
'Christ hath triumphed alleluia';
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,
Repeat their song of glory here,
'Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!'
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

John Weicher

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up to God.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Meek and majestic God,
 you set aside the perfection of your Trinitarian life to create the universe,
 and you called the children of Abraham to be your priestly kingdom.
 You gave your people freedom in the parting of the sea
 and marked them for life with the blood of the Lamb.
 In Jesus you laid aside the robe of your majesty
 and knelt among your children, facing humiliation and rejection.
 In his agony in the garden and suffering on the cross
 you showed the world the extent of your love
 and your longing to bring us home to the throne
 where we shall join angels and archangels
 and all the company of heaven,
 praising your holy name in the unending hymn:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Land of Rest

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Self-giving God, in Jesus you became the Lamb
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people,
 as fragile and fitful as your disciples, may become your temple,
 and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
 the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
 Great is the mystery of faith:

All (sung):

Land of Rest

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.
 Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: Blessed and broken God, be among your people
 who taste the bitter herbs of slavery and oppression;
 be close to your children who are poured out in grief and despair;
 remake the church, your Son's body,
 where it is broken by discord and dispute;
 and renew your creation in the joy of thanksgiving.

: Spread your table in the face of friends and enemies,
 that all may know your peace and gather in the company of your saints,
 where you, in the presence of Christ
 and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, are all in all,
 one God, now and forever.

All (sung):

Land of Rest



THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Mindy Douglas, John Weicher

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The bread is gluten free, and the elements were prepared in a gluten-free area. Servers will sanitize their hands prior to distributing the elements. As you are able, come forward to receive communion. The bread server will dip a pre-cut piece of bread in the common cup for you and then pass it to you. After eating, please return to your seat. Anyone who is unable to come forward may remain in the pew to be served by the clergy.)

Hymn No. 533
 Hymn No. 508

*In the Singing
 Come to the Table*

*Bread of Peace
 Come to the Table*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John Weicher

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
 All: **Here at this table we celebrate resurrection
 as you feed us with bread and wine.
 And as much as we might prefer
 to stay here in this protected place,
 you send us back to our work –
 only it is no longer the same work
 because we know you are with us and in us,
 shaping and transforming us
 to be your witnesses in the world.**
**Nourished in body, mind, and spirit,
 may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.**

Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall for light refreshments following today's worship.



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

Special thanks to **Kaitlyn DeHority** (trumpeter) for providing music for today's worship.

THANKS to all who provided the majestic Easter lilies, presenting them as a glorious symbol of the Easter message, in memory or in honor of special ones. We are grateful to members of the Flower Committee for beautifying the sanctuary: **Jean Wilson, Phyllis Verhey, and Alice Raney**. If you contributed to the cost of the lilies, you may take a lily with you following worship today. If you desire for your lily to be given to a homebound church member, please leave it in the sanctuary so it can be delivered by members of the pastoral care ministry.

Our **paschal candle and stained red oak stand**, crafted by Marklin Candle Design of Contoocook, New Hampshire and given in memory of **Elder Ed Kwon**, is a visible sign of God's enduring presence in our beautiful century-old sanctuary. Rooted in Passover (Pesach) and adopted by early Christians, the lit candle represents the Risen Christ's triumph over darkness and death, his resurrection, to become the Light of the world. The beeswax candle is inscribed with a Cross and an *alpha* and *omega*, symbols attesting to Christ's presence among us always. Traditionally, the candle, reminding us that we are preeminently an Easter People, is lit during worship services throughout the fifty days of Eastertide from Easter to Pentecost, as well as at baptisms where it signified that we are crucified and resurrected with Christ, and at funerals and memorial services where it visually proclaims Paul's message in Romans 6: 3-4 that "all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ . . . have been buried with him . . . into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead . . . , so we too might walk in newness of life."

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to an usher. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

The **bulletin cover** is "*Mary at the Tomb*" by Frank Wesley.

Portions of today's **worship texts** were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship (2018)*, *Eucharistic Prayers*, *Feasting on the Word*, and *Glory to God*.

These Days devotional books for April-June (regular and large print) are available from the table in the foyer.

Joys and Concerns

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Beth and Howard Eisenson** on the death of Beth's mom, **Peggy Mordecai**, who died on April 4.

Stephen Berry, recovering from foot surgery.

Wes Carson	Kayla Champion	Paul Cornsweet	Susan Cyr	Kerry Holbrook
Lee House	George Kafula	Mitzi Leshner-Thomas	Franzi Rokoske	Andy Widmark
Carol Wills				

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Dub Gulley**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Hillcrest Convalescent: **Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe**

The Forest at Duke Health & Wellness Center: **Joe & Carlisle Harvard**

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Jane Austin, friend of the congregation

Father of Andres, friend of the congregation

Pam Hanson, mother of Laura Hanson

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Pam Tabb, friend of Mindy Douglas

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Ann Huff, friend of the congregation

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

WEEKLY BOOK STUDY

Way of Love

Discussion Schedule

April 18/19 - Part I - Christianity as Love

April 25/26 - Part II – Creation

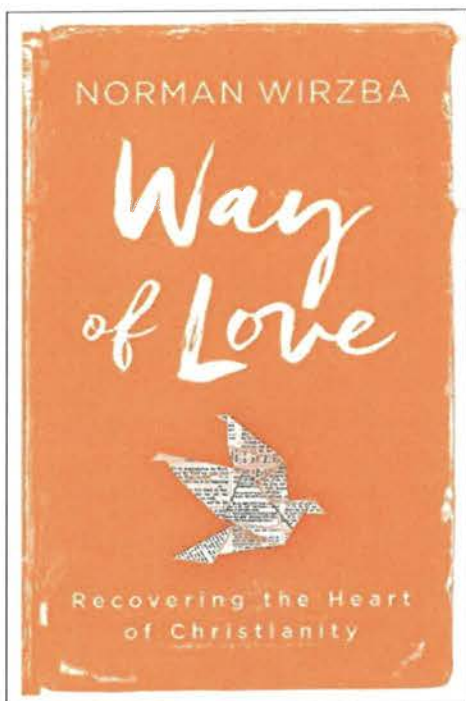
(need volunteer teachers on April 25/26)

May 2/3 – Part III - Fall

May 9/10 - Part IV - Redemption

May 16/17 - Part V - Hope

These discussions are held via the same Zoom link.

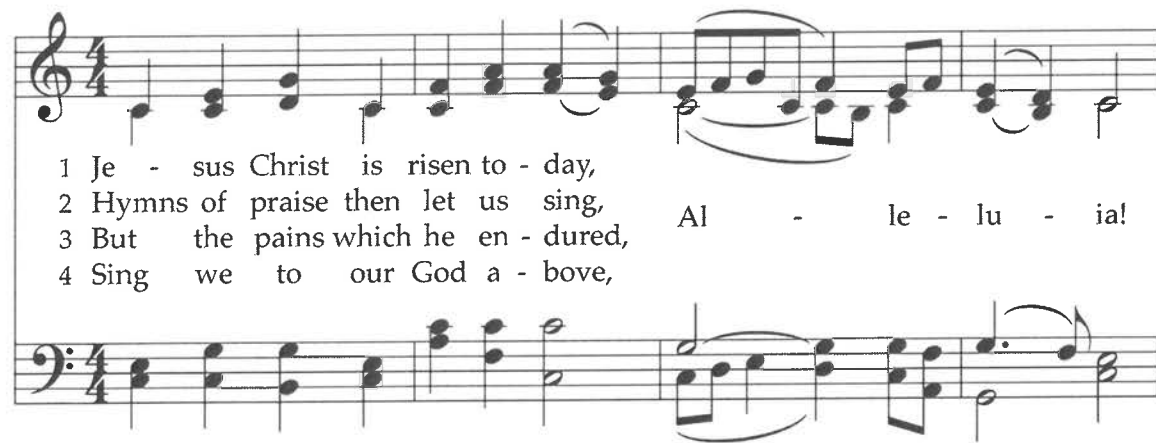


In celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday morning, April 9, 2023, First Presbyterian Church members and friends have chosen to honor the memory or life of loved ones and friends by making gifts toward the purchase of our Easter lilies with excess funds going to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The names of those so honored and remembered and the donors of those gifts are as follows:

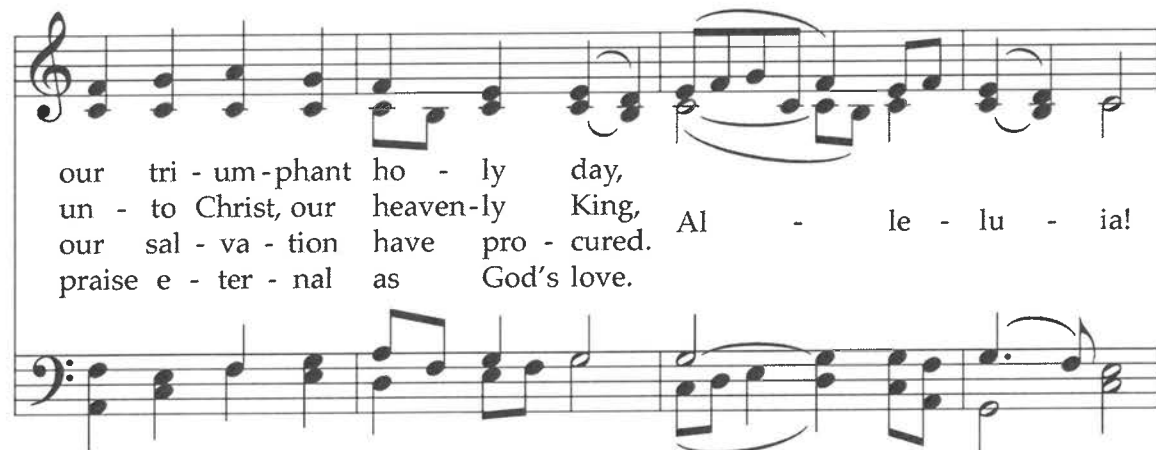
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Robert and Jane Brawley	Sara F. Brawley
Conrad and Linda Vanhook Carter	Easter Tate Vanhook
Mary Ann, Will, and Anna Compton	Webb McCracken
Barbara and Peter Fish	Our parents: Marion & Laurens Fish, and Olga & John Maly
Joe and Carlisle Harvard	Our parents: Rebecca & Sherwood Harvard, and Elizabeth & James Bankston Caughman
Kathy Krahenbuhl	Ann Atwater, Roger Kalthoff, and Dawn Fitts
Bet Lawson	Dewey Lawson
Marcia, Stephen, and David Lorimer	Bill Lorimer
Wendy and Mac McCorkle	Our parents: Sally & Lewis Johnson and Elinor & Pope McCorkle
Alice G. Raney	Ethel L. Girvin Thomas B. F. Raney
Steve Rimmer, Lyn and John Williams	Martha Rimmer David Rimmer
Ruth and Russell Roberson	Our parents
Amy Sanchez	Kay Howard, Ofelia Gallegos Sanchez
Frances Seawell	Dorothy B. Graham
Seitzer family	B.J. Seitzer
Phyllis Supple, and sons Rick and David, and their families	John R. Supple
Phyllis Verhey	Allen Verhey
Jane Williams	Roger Kalthoff
Jean and Chuck Wilson	Charles & Martha Wilson Leon & Dorothy Jones
Given By . . .	In Honor Of . . .
Robert and Jane Brawley	Anna P. Brawley
Kerry Holbrook	All transgender youth and adults who are struggling
Kathy Krahenbuhl	Maxie Honeycutt
Valerie McMillian	FPC Office Volunteers and Walk-in Ministry Case Workers



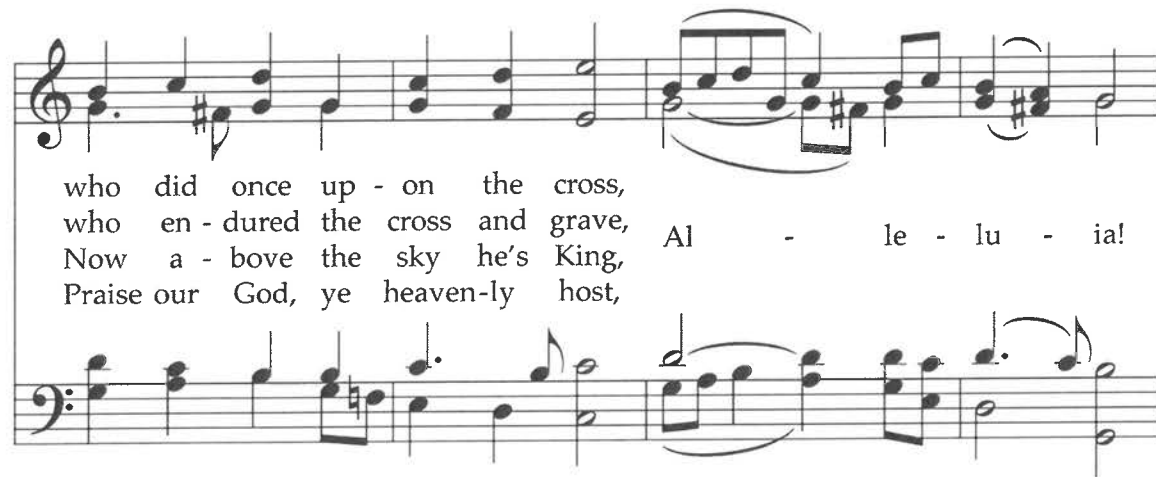
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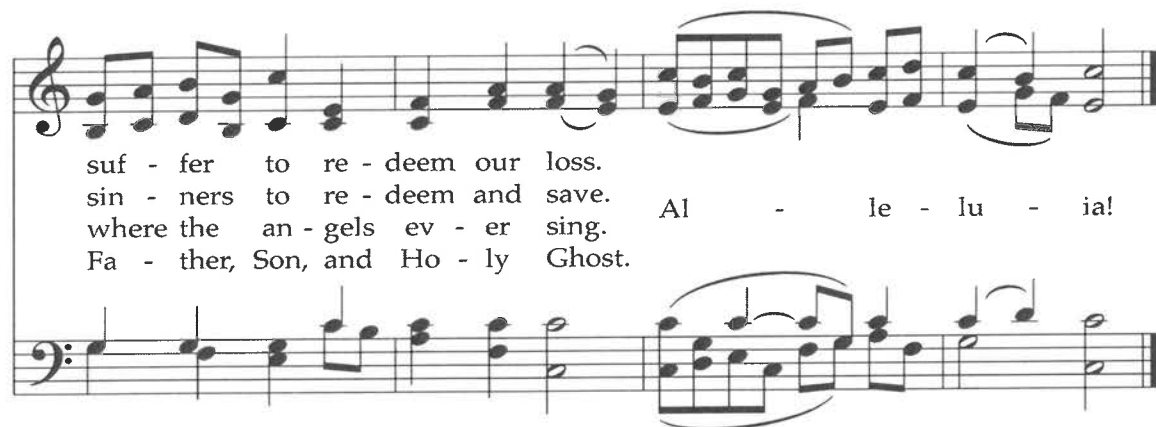
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the

gos - pel spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ

ris - en from the dead! 1 Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
2 Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to

pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
danc - ing; sing now the mys - tery, hope of our glo - ry;

sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor

wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

In the Singing

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Dmaj7 G Dmaj7 G Bm Bm7 Em
Leader or All

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pec - tant,
 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac -

Asus A Dmaj7 G Dmaj7 G

o - pen, in the bless - ing, in the break - ing,
 cep - tance, in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing,

Bm Bm7 G A7 D

in the Pres - ence at this ta - ble
 in the cir - cle of your peo - ple

Refrain G C#dim F#m7 Bm7 Em7 A7 D
All

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace:

G C#dim F#m7 Bm7 Em7 A7 D

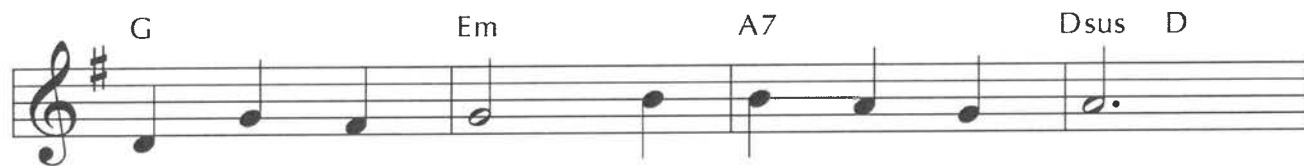
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Come to the Table

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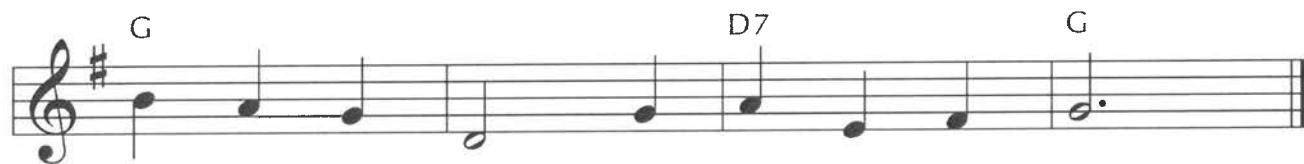
*1 Come to the ta - ble, all you who praise God.
 2 Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.
 3 All is now read - y, like the first ta - ble.



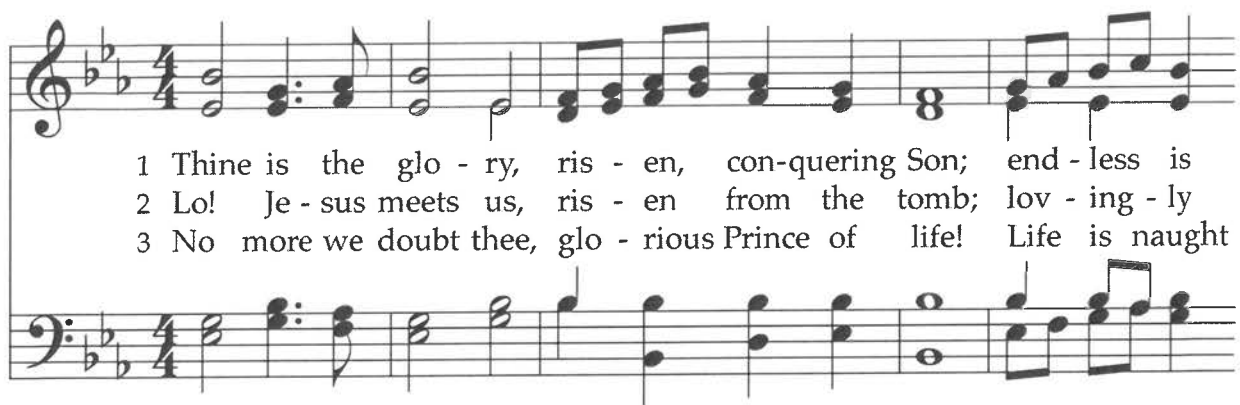
Laid in a sta - ble, God's gift of love:
 My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.
 Pray for the Spir - it; lift up your hearts.



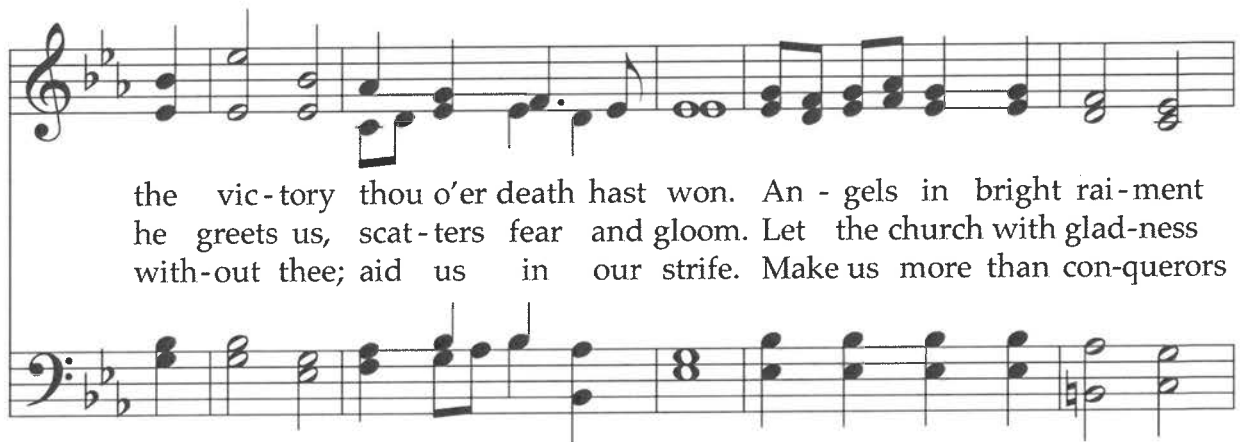
Je - sus our Sav - ior poured out his life's blood.
 Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,
 Christ has a - ris - en, our Lord and Sav - ior.



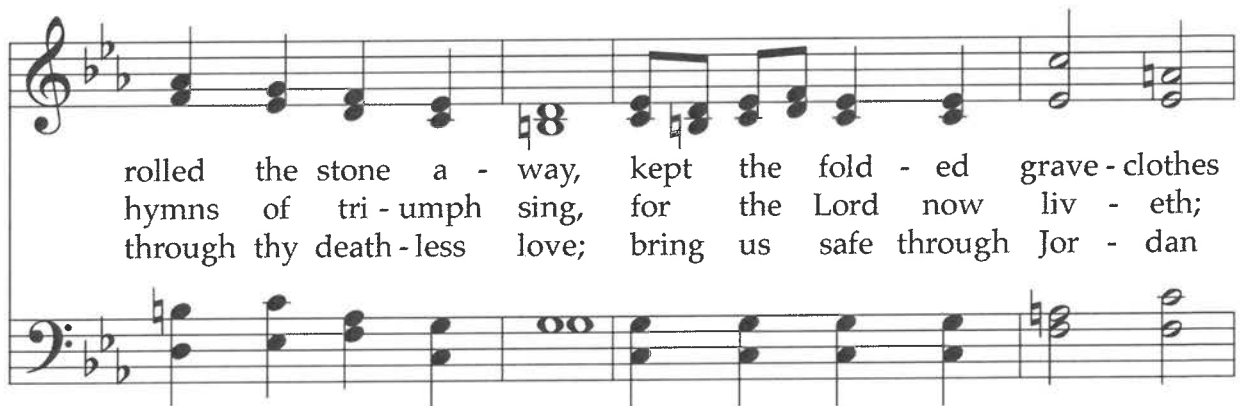
Our sins for - giv - en, God's gift of love.
 for you are mine, and I am your Lord.
 With great thanks - giv - ing, lift up your hearts.



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

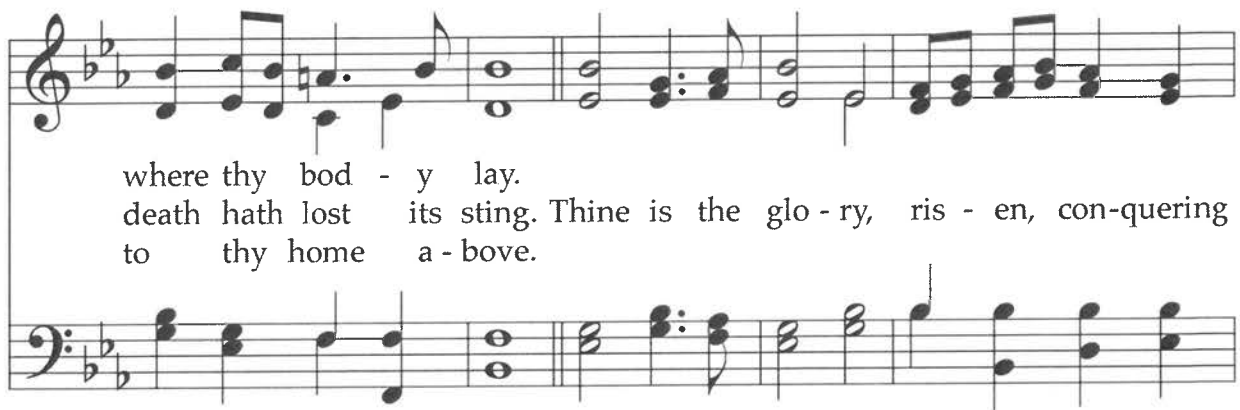


the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The musical score is written for a vocal part and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:15 PM</p> <p>Reception in Watts-Hill Hall</p> <p>No MnMs Fellowship this evening</p>	<p>Monday, April 10</p>  <p><i>Closed</i> Easter Monday</p> <p>The Church Office is CLOSED in observance of the Easter holiday.</p> <p>6 PM</p> <p>Christian Education Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 11</p> <p>No Book Study</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 12</p> <p>No Book Study</p> <p>1:00 PM All Staff</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, April 13</p> <hr/> <p>Friday, April 14</p>	<p>Saturday, April 15</p> <p>3:00 PM</p> <p>First Friends Potluck at the home of Jane Wettach & Paul Baldasare</p>	<p>Sunday, April 16 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for all ages</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship (Congregational Meeting at the end of worship)</p> <p>4:00 PM Lesley Curtis Voice Recital</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group at: Farm Church corner of Watts and Green Streets</p> <p>8:00 PM MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	

SPRING VOICE RECITAL

Join our own **Lesley Curtis** for a spring recital here at the church on Sunday afternoon, April 16, at 4:00 as she sings 20th century American art songs by Aaron Copland, Samuel Barber, Ned Rorem, and others. The poets whose verses inspired the songs include Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost, William Carlos Williams, and the indomitable Dorothy Parker. Lesley will be accompanied by her long-time collaborator, ***Deborah Coclanis*** for this 45 minute offering. As always, it's free and open to the public.

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Bowers Heit, Parish Associate
Esther Hethcox, Designated Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical Leave)
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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