

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

APRIL 16, 2023

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2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Now the Green Blade Rises

Michael Bedford

INTROIT

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Tanzanian melody

*Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

*Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

***OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 16:5-11)**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

People: **I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

All: **You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*Those who are able, please stand.

***HYMN NO. 254**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God, you have made known to us the ways of life.

Yet, too often, we put other things above you

and turn away from the ways of life

and toward the ways of death.

Forgive us and guide us back into your presence,

that we may know the fullness of joy.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***THE PEACE**

John Weicher

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jane Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, Creator of all,

**the risen Christ taught from scripture
of his death, resurrection, and ascension
into your glorious presence.**

May the living Lord breathe on us his peace,

that our eyes may be opened

to recognize him in breaking bread,

and to follow wherever he leads,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

(Pew Bible, NT Page 119)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jane Williams

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

(Pew Bible, NT Page 115)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Esther Hethcox

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Fullness of Easter"

Esther Hethcox

*Having received the proclamation of God's Word,
let us take a few moments of contemplation to rest in God's presence and love.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

John Weicher

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

**Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

**vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

***HYMN NO. 286**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Amy Sanchez

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem

Now the Green Blade Rises

John Weicher

French Carol

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

**Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; alleluia; alleluia;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

**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.**

***HYMN NO. 246**

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

(If you are not staying for the meeting, you may leave during the final verse of the hymn.)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

2023 Budget
Approval of Terms of Call for Pastors
Thriving Congregations Initiative

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Esther Hethcox

***POSTLUDE**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

*Tanzanian melody,
arr. Dennis Janzer*

SPRING VOICE RECITAL

Join our own **Lesley Curtis** in the sanctuary this afternoon at 4:00 as she sings 20th century American art songs in a free 45-minute musical offering. Lesley will be accompanied by Deborah Coclans.



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.

Today's flowers are given by **Tom and Sandy Roberts** to the glory of God and in memory of Tom's beloved sister, **Julie McLean**.

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.

Portions of today's texts come from *Book of Common Worship Daily Prayer* and *Feasting on the Word (Year A, Volume 1)*.

The **bulletin cover** is the *Doubling of Thomas* icon.

Joys and Concerns

<i>Stephen Berry</i>	<i>Wes Carson</i>	<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Susan Cyr</i>	<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>
<i>Lee House</i>	<i>George Kafula</i>	<i>Mitzi Lesher-Thomas</i>	<i>Franzi Rokoske</i>	<i>Carol Wills</i>

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

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Pam Tabb, friend of Mindy Douglas

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

WEEKLY BOOK STUDY

Way of Love

Discussion Schedule

April 18/19 - Part I - Christianity as Love

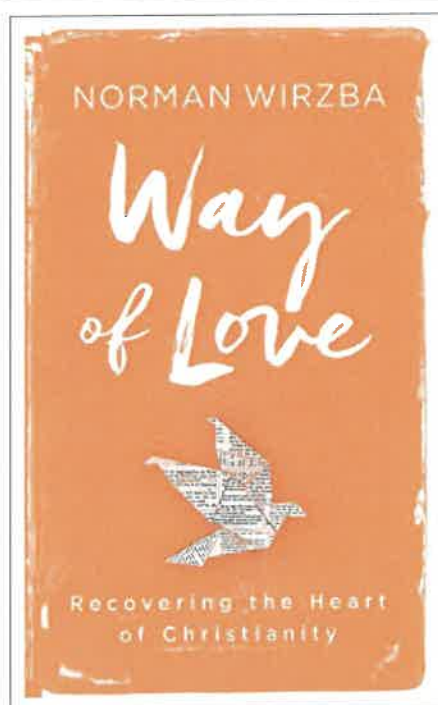
April 25/26 - Part II – Creation
(need volunteer teachers on April 25/26)

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.



Saturday, April 22

Concert: A Stranger in a Strange Land

Mallarmé Music joins with the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

3:00 p.m. – FPC Sanctuary

Mallarme Music <https://www.mallarmemusic.org/>

NC Baroque Orchestra <https://www.ncbaroqueorchestra.org>

Tickets: \$20 Adults / \$5 children and students

Link to purchase tickets: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=171384>

Monday, April 24

Book Review: *Pauli Murray – The Life of a Pioneering Feminist & Civil Rights Activist*

10:00 AM in the Chapel at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church

927 W Trinity Ave, Durham

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian invites you to hear Rosita Stevens-Holsey, niece of Pauli Murray, review her book.

This biography of Pauli Murray is a groundbreaking new nonfiction book written in verse with the purpose of making the Pauli Murray story accessible to both young and seasoned readers.

Questions and RSVPs please to Sally Adkin for TAPC Reads, sadkin@nc.rr.com.

Sunday, April 30

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Intergenerational Faith Formation Activities

Theme: Creation Care

(Adult, children, and youth classes combined in Watts-Hill Hall)

11:00 a.m. Worship

Guest Preacher: *Jimmie R. Hawkins*

Director, PCUSA Office of Public Witness

3:00 p.m.

Women's Voices Chorus "My Soul is Awakened"

Music conveying themes of renewal, transformation, enlightenment, and self-realization, through the lenses of varied cultures, languages, and musical styles, and featuring women composers.

Monday, May 1

Lunch and Learn with Jimmie R. Hawkins

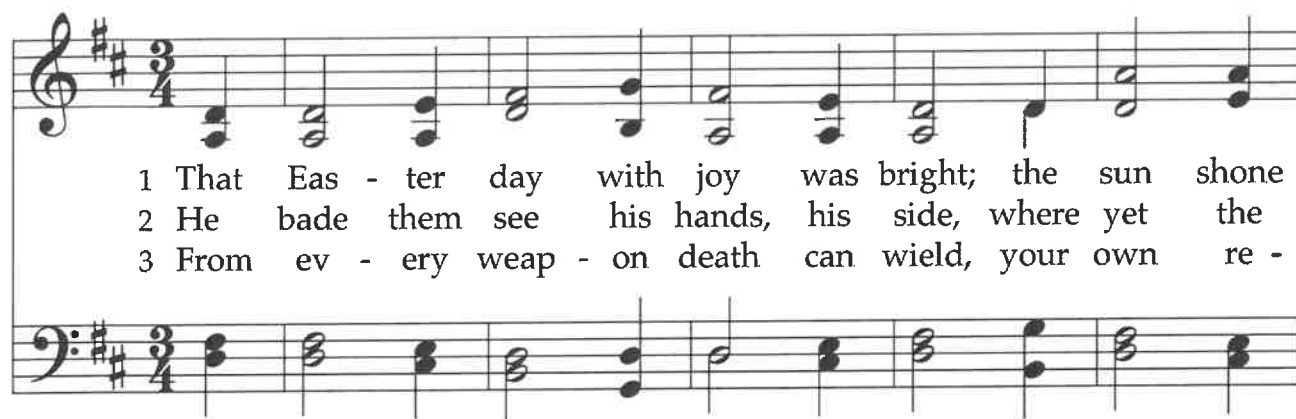
12 Noon – 2:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall

Event sponsored by FPC's Racial Equity Task Force

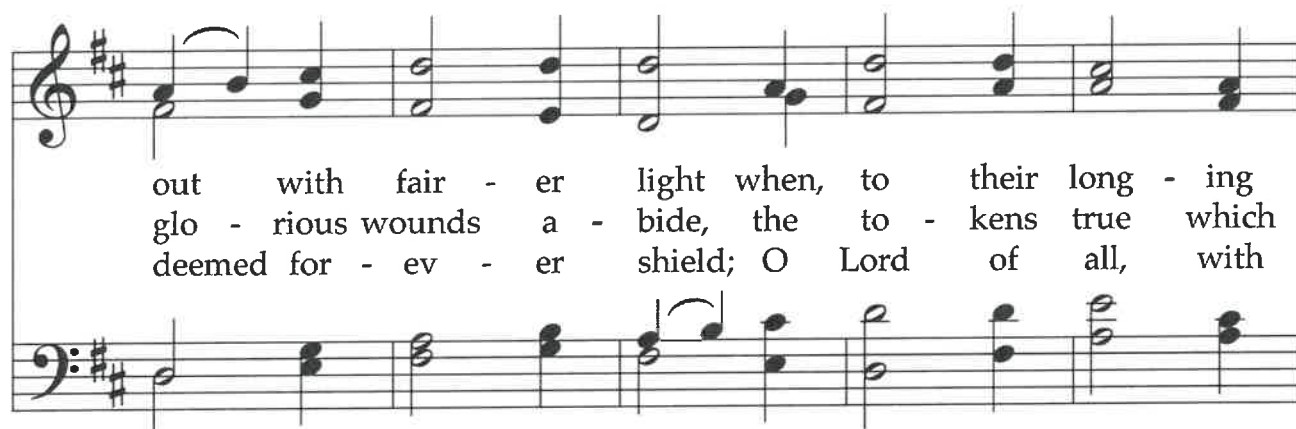
Jimmie will discuss his new book:

Unbroken and Unbowed: A History of Black Protest in America.

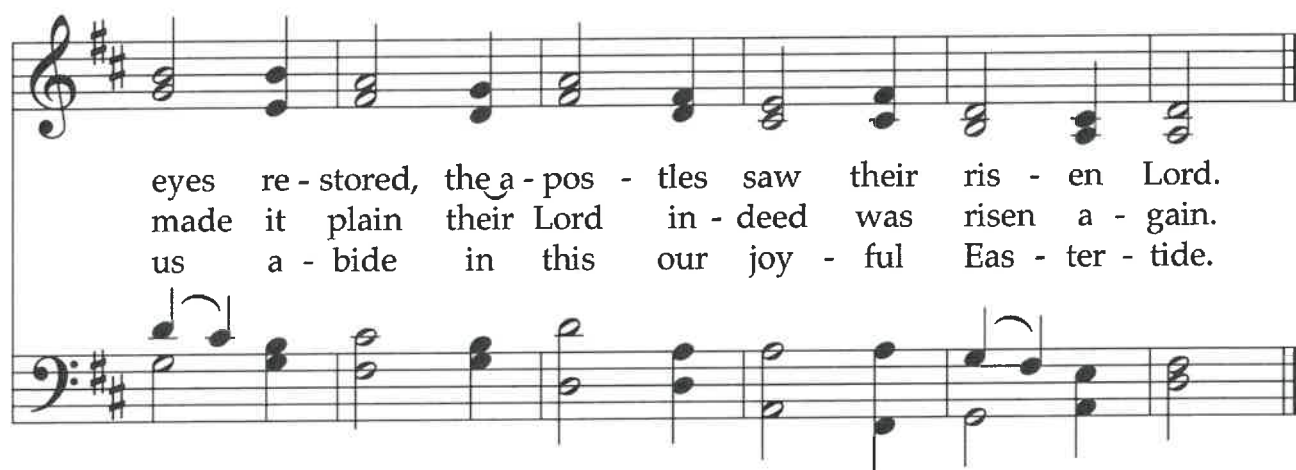
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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -



out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
glo - rious wounds a - bid, the to - kens true which
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

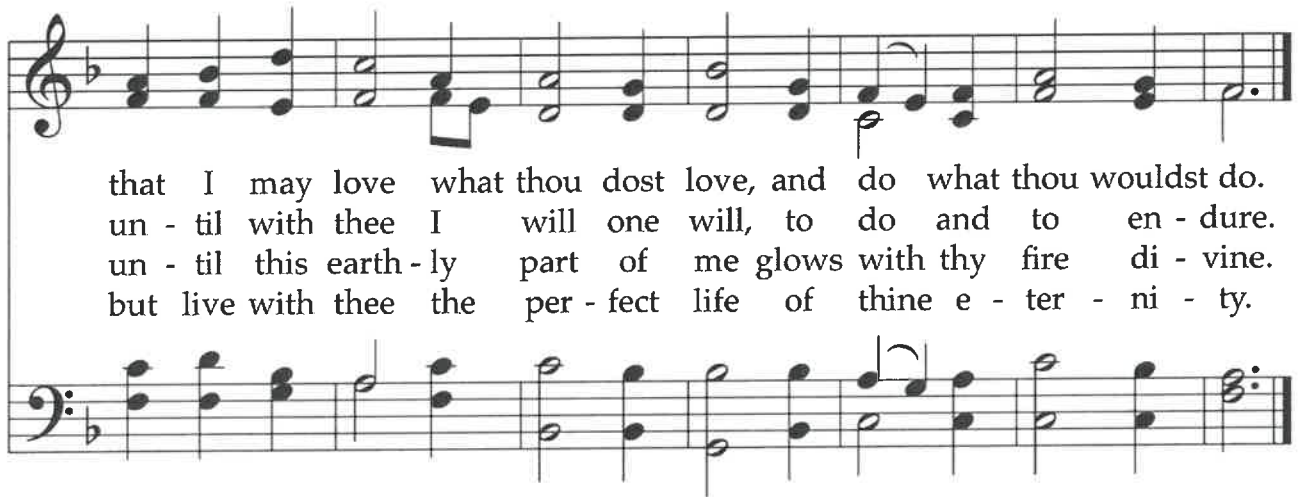


eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
us a - bid in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



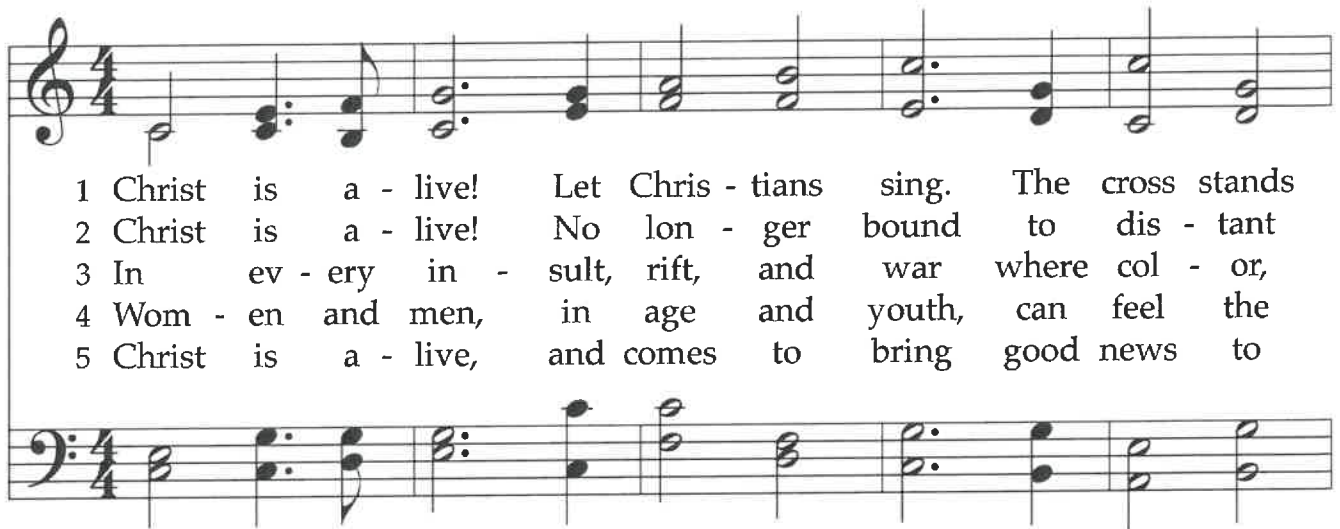
1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



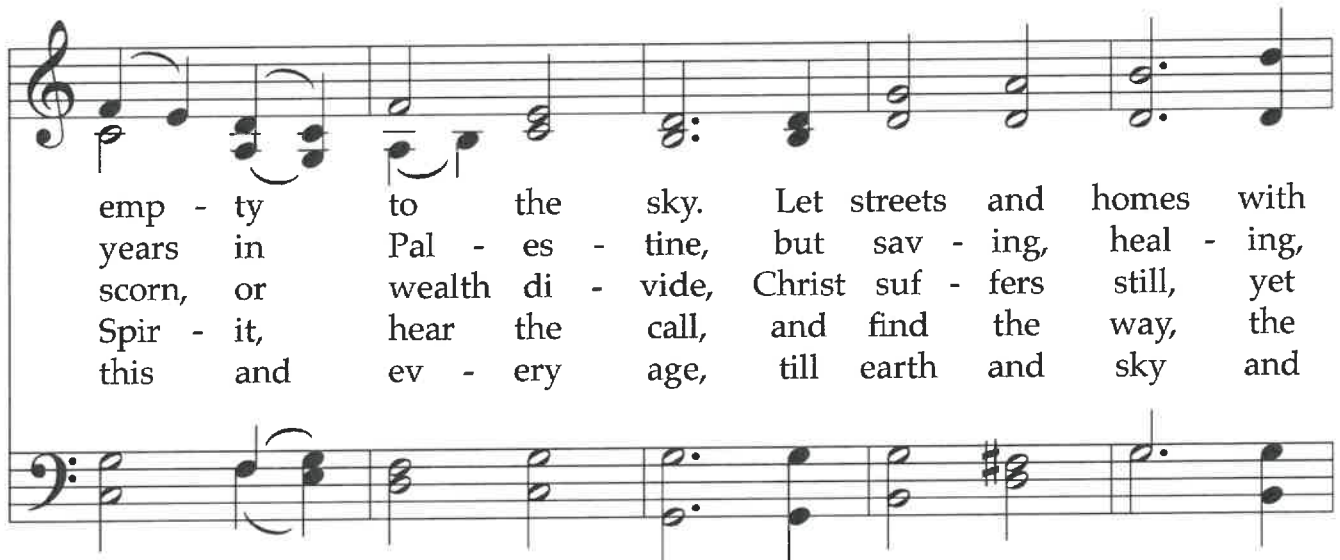
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Christ Is Alive!

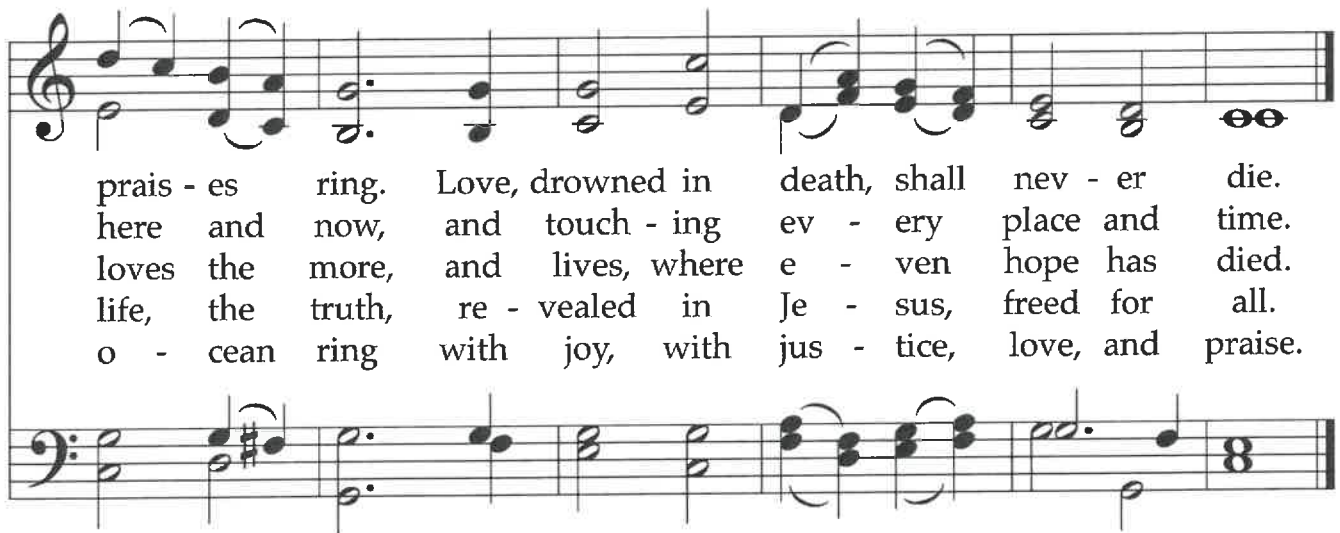
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

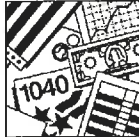




emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

This Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today . . .</p> <p>4:00 PM Lesley Curtis Voice Recital</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group (at Farm Church, corner Watts and Green Streets)</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Monday, April 17</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>5:00 PM (via Zoom) Finance & Investment Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 18</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  ≈TAX DAY≈ </div> <p>6:15 PM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>Way of Love</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Newsletter today</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, April 19</p> <p>11:00 AM (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>Way of Love</i></p> <p>1:00 PM Program Staff</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, April 20</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>Friday, April 21</p>	<p>Saturday, April 22</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  EARTH DAY </div> <p>9:00 AM – 12 Noon FPC Grounds Workday</p> <p>3:00 PM Mallarme and the NC Baroque Orchestra in concert (sanctuary)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 23</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  Creation Care </div> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for all ages</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship <i>Mindy Douglas</i>, preaching <i>Hunger for Change</i> Offering received</p> <p>12:30-2:00 PM New Officers Training (lunch available)</p> <p>3:00 PM Popsicle Fellowship at Forest Hills Park</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group (Cookie Bake for College Care Packages)</p> <p>8:00 PM (via Zoom) MnMs Fellowship</p>	

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)
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