

# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

April 4, 2021

**PRELUDE** "I Know That my Redeemer Liveth" G. F. Handel  
From "Messiah"

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## WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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**HYMN** "Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!" No. 104

1 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
All creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
See, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
Bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
From the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection,  
Not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
Nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
Where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us.  
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of infinite love, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we struggle to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ came that we might know ourselves to be God's children. And so we are! Children of God, believe the good news: through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

### SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Remember the grace of our Lord Jesus, who though he was rich, for our sakes became poor, that by his poverty we might become rich. Let us give out of the bounty God has given us.

*The Offering plate is in the Narthex. You may also choose to mail your offering to the church office, or give online through our website, [cazpres.org](http://cazpres.org).*

### DOXOLOGY

No. 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of Jesus our risen Lord. Amen.

**HYMN**            “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”            No. 108

1 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.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now,  
And touching every place and time.

3 Not throned afar, remotely high,  
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life,  
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

4 In every insult, rift and war,  
Where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
And lives, where even hope has died.

5 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.

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 16:1-8

**16** When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3** They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" **4** When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. **5** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **6** But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." **8** So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**SERMON** "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time"

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Table

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

May the Lord be with you / **and also with you**

Lift up your hearts / **we lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks and praise / **it is right to give our thanks and praise**

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

**HYMN** "That Easter day with joy was bright" No. 121

1 That Easter day with joy was bright,  
The sun shone out with fairer light,  
When, to their longing eyes restored,  
The apostles saw their risen Lord.

2 O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
Do all our inmost hearts possess  
And we to You will ever raise  
The tribute of our grateful praise.

3 From every weapon death can wield,  
Your own redeemed forever shield.  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
In this our joyful Eastertide.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Festmusik" M. L. Takle  
*Michael Guarneiri, Organ*

*Special thanks to Shelly Brooks for singing the hymns today!*

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# *Easter Flower Dedications*

**The flowers which adorn the sanctuary this  
morning are dedicated to:**

Tom McCobb - April 25, 2020  
Shirley Faulkner - April 27, 2020  
R Shain Emerson - June 16, 2020  
Lowell Foland - August 8, 2020  
Jeanne Glass - December 10, 2020  
Barbara Bull - February 12, 2021, 2020



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