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Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Revealed for Understanding

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using both the black & the red hymnals.

GATHERING . . .

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE *Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia* arr. Labenske

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE . . .

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We are your people: Spirit of grace you dare to make us Christ to our neighbors of every culture and place.

P: **Joined in community, treasured and fed, may we discover gifts in each other, willing to lead and be led.**

ALL: **Rich in diversity, help us to live closer than neighbors, open to strangers, able to clash and forgive.**

***OPENING HYMN NO. 318** (see insert*) *Christ is Alive*

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God you surpass all of our understanding. We fail to see you by faith alone. We seek affirmations of your presence, and we want to know for sure that you are real. Forgive us for the times that we do not live in faith. Forgive us for the times that we would have our relationship with you on our own terms. Forgive us when we fail to live in the full power of the resurrection. Empower us with faith and help us to see you when we struggle with our faith. Reveal your presence to us in all times and in all places, that we might live more fully in your resurrected presence. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 493 (red hymnal)

Gloria Patri

ALL SING: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED . . .

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE Luke 25: 13-35

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 430 (see insert*)

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

(8:00 AM) **JUBILATION CHOIR**

Open Our Eyes, Lord

by Cull & Schrader

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE . . .

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Peace

by Combs

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 780 (black hymnal)

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above you heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO BE CHRIST'S DISCIPLES . . .

CLOSING HYMN NO. 310 (see insert)

He Lives

***BENEDICTION²**

L: Glad of tradition, help us to see in all life's changing, where Christ is leading, where our best efforts should be.

P: **Give as we venture, justice and care, peaceful, insisting, risking, resisting, wisdom to know when and where.**

ALL: **Spirit unite us, make us by grace, willing and ready, Christ's living body, loving the whole human race.**

POSTLUDE

The Strife is O'er

by Palistrena

Attached to this bulletin is a seed packet. The packet is filled with seeds to grow milkweed, a natural habitat and source of food for Monarch butterflies. Their habitat is shrinking and their numbers throughout the world are suffering as a result. Please take the seed pack and plant the milkweed somewhere within your community or in your garden at home. This act of planting will be a symbol of our commitment to discipleship and a reminder that the Risen Christ is all around us.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Pastor Dani for taking excellent care of our church family by Elaine, Perry & Joey Bevivino.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Carly Schriver. Happy 16th Birthday! Love, Mom, Dad & Emily

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of the Eastertide Worship Planning Team by Mary Jane Snyder.

The red rose bud has been placed in honor of Payton Mae Abel. Payton was born Thursday, April 7th to Lance and Katherine Abel. Payton was 8 lbs 7.5 ounces and 22 inches long.

Thank you to our Jubilation Choir for performing during the 8:00 AM service today.

Thank you to our Eastertide Worship Planning Team for planning worship today. The Eastertide team is made up of: Pastor Jeff, Debbie Butcher, Ivy & Norman Leach and Guy Wenck.

8:00 AM Worship Tech: Jack Herlocker

8:00 AM Acolyte: Hayden Dallam

8:00 AM Welcome Team: Becky & Jerry Hester, Ryan Neal, Mary Jane Snyder

8:00 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

10:30 AM Welcoming Team: Jonathan & Scott Butcher, David Strine, Heather Wantz

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Schriver

¹ The Call to Worship was adapted from hymn no. 309, *We Are Your People*, in The New Century Hymnal.

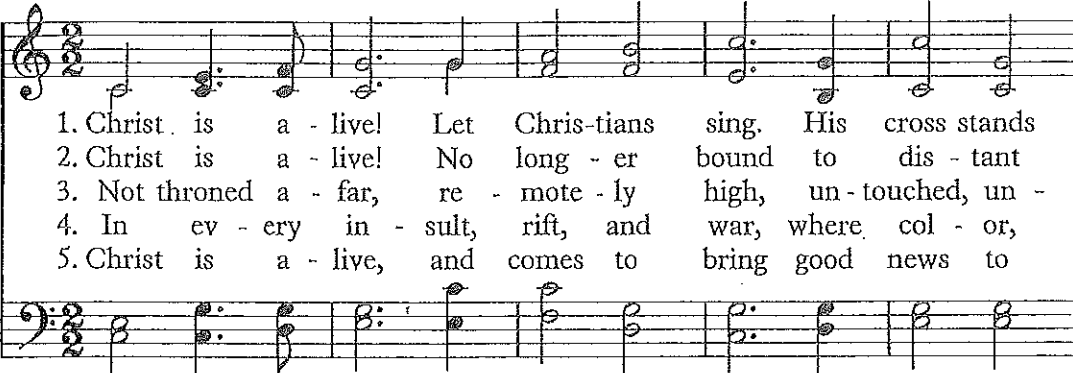
² The Benediction was adapted from hymn no. 309, *We Are Your People*, in the New Century Hymnal.

‡ Hymn numbers 318, 430 & 310 were reproduced from the United Methodist Hymnal.

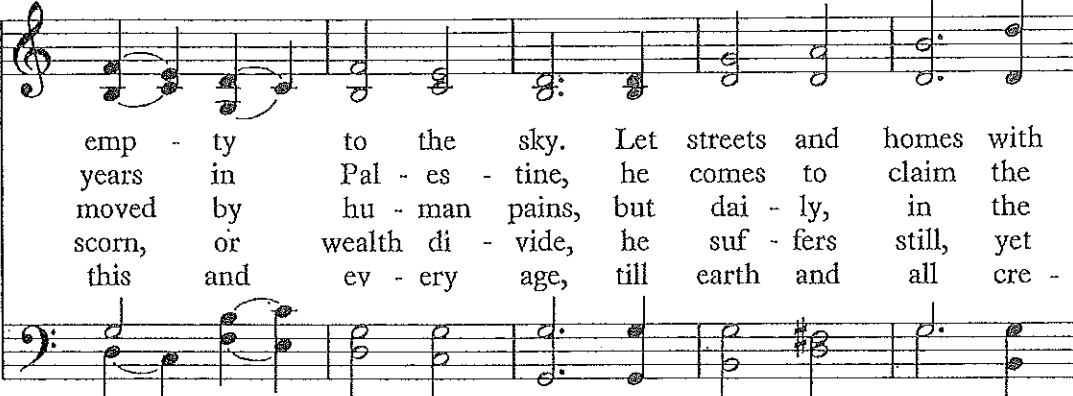
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Christ Is Alive

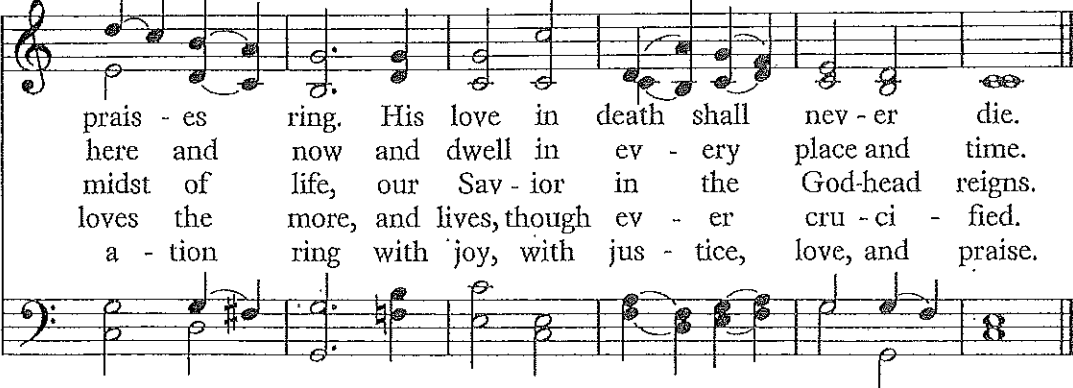
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1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. His cross stands
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 5. Christ 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, he comes to claim the
 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and all cre -



prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 here and now and dwell in ev - ery place and time.
 midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.
 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 a - tion ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968, alt.
 MUSIC: *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

TRURO
 LM

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O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 430

1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3. Teach me thy pa-tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong;
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879
 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874

MARYTON
 LM

He Lives



1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
3. Re - joice, re-joyce, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing



I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say.
and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!



I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;



and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
the day of his ap - pear-ing will come at last.
none oth - er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.



He Lives - Refrain

Refrain

He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Je - sus lives to - day!

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar-row way.

He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) sal - va - tion to im - part!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.