

EASTER SUNDAY 2021

8:30 & 10:30 AM



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP CHOIR AND CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM (see p. 5)

Fanfare for Easter Day/ Christ the Lord is Risen Today by Williams & Harlan

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION¹

L: Friends, the tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

P: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

L: For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

P: But God's love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!

L: Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Risen Lord.

P: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

L: Where, O death, is your victory?

P: Where, O death, is your sting?

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen, indeed!

L: Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

P: Alleluia!

HYMN NO. 245 (see p. 6)

The Day of Resurrection

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Emptier of Tombs. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, but we also haven't always offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Dazzling God.

Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (see p. 7)

Halle, Halle, Halle

ALL SING: I am the resurrection, live in me. I am the way, the truth, follow me. I am the resurrection, live in me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ALL SING: Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE

EASTER MESSAGE

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

What a Morning

by Lau

RESURRECTION PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Behold Him

by Wong & Baloché

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION³

L: It is a mystery as old as time...This table is open to all those who wish to know Christ better.

COMMUNION PRAYER⁴

L: May the God of Resurrection be with you!

P: And also with you!

L: This is the day to offer yourselves to God.

P: We open our hearts to the One who fills them with grace.

L: Join in the songs of celebration this day.

P: Our voices praise the One who opens wide the gates of life.

L: Christ, who was there before the universe was called into creation...together with all creation, we lift our Easter songs to you:

ALL: Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death! The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom.

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & 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.

THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF BLESSING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING^s

L: O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life. Fed by your love, and strengthened by your life; we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope, and to share your joy.

P: You commission us to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 240 (see p. 8)

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you to all who helped to make this Easter Sunday special! We would like to thank our singers: Andrew Texter, Barb Neff, Braden Bicher, Brenda Beyer, David Firestone, Debbie Butcher, Mike Gibbs, Paula Strayer, Tom Bair, & Olivia Daugherty. We'd like to thank our tech team members: Elaine Bevivino, John Schriver, Dave Firestone, Deb Herlocker, Ron Miles, & Jack Herlocker. And we'd like to thank our instrumentalists, Missy Kiefer, Jordyn Myers, Steve Myers, Hayden Dallam, & Mason DeMers.

Church Staff

Rev. Danielle E. Neff, Senior Pastor

Mr. Denny Daugherty, Adult Choir Director & Tech Director

Mr. Travis Pinci, Accompanist, Children's Music Coordinator, & Secretary

Mr. Bill Murphy, Custodian

¹The Call to Worship was written by Stephen Fearing and posted on Liturgy & Hymns by Stephen M. Fearing and found on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/04/call-to-worship-for-easter-morning.html>, accessed on March 23, 2021.

²The prayer of confession was written by Thom Shuman and was posted on <https://www.liturgylink.net/2012/04/02/easter-confession/>, accessed on March 23, 2021.

³The Invitation was written by Rev. Martha Spong and was published on her website, https://marthaspong.com/2005/03/29/my_last_post_wa/ and accessed on March 25, 2021.

⁴The Communion Prayer is an adaptation of two liturgies. One was written by Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey Guillaume, pastor of Union Congregational Church in West Palm Beach and posted on <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-day-april-4/>. The second was written by Rev. Kevin Goldenbogen and posted on <http://worshipwell.church/2016/03/23/easter-communion-words-of-resurrection/>. Both websites were accessed on March 25, 2021.

⁵The Prayer of Thanksgiving was written by Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey Guillaume, pastor of Union Congregational Church in West Palm Beach and posted on <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-day-april-4/> and accessed on March 25, 2021.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

5

Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once, He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Day of Resurrection

Piano 

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth,
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let

4



tell it out a - broad; the Pass - o - ver of
we may see a - right the Christ who reigns e -
earth its song be - gin, the whole world keeps high

7



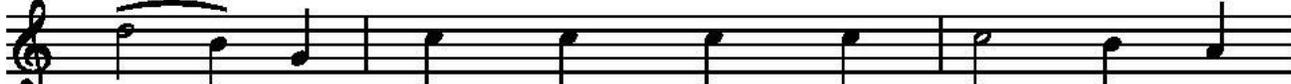
glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God. From
- ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light; We
tri - umph, and all that is there - in; Let

10



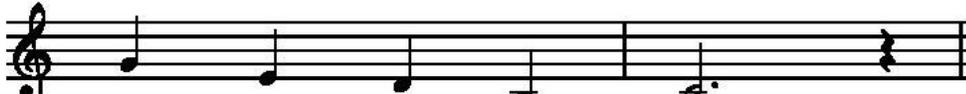
death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the
lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and
all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness

13



sky, our Christ has brought us o - ver with
plain, for we, too, want to fol - low and
blend, for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our

16



hymns of vic - to - ry.
raise the vic - tor - strain.
joy that has no end.

Halle Halle Halle

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano 

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le lu - jah.
I am the res - ur - rec - tion, live in me.

5



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
I am the way the truth fol - low me.

9



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -
I am the res - ur - ec - tion, live in me. hal - le -

13



- lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
- lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

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

3

Al - le - lu - ia! Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
Al - le - lu - ia! un - to Christ our heav'n - ly King,
Al - le - lu - ia! Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise e - ter - nal as His love,

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Al - le - lu - ia! Who did once up - on the cross,
Al - le - lu - ia! Who en - dured the Cross and grave,
Al - le - lu - ia! Now a - bove the sky He's King,
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him all ye Heav - en - ly host,

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

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Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!