

# ***Mt. Zion United Church of Christ***

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Easter 2022

8 AM & 10:30AM

## **A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S VICTORY! SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*This morning, as we worship our God, we also celebrate the Lord's Supper.  
Here at Mt. Zion UCC, all are invited to the table of grace.*

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping 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 welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices 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 pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RELEASING THE ALLELUIAS!**

**PRELUDE**

*Grand Triumphal Chorus*

by Guilmont

## **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

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: Do not be afraid. Jesus has conquered death!

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**P: We can proclaim with great confidence that God's love rules.**

L: Christ is risen!

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

L: Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

**P: Alleluia!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 240** (black hymnal, see p. 6)

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**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 NO. 310 (UM Hymnal hymnal, refrain, see p. 7)

*He Lives*

**ALL SING: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

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

**WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*He is Risen*

by Price & Besig

**SCRIPTURE**

*John 20: 1-18*

**EASTER MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 322** (UM Hymnal, see p. 8)

*Up From the Grave He Arose*

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# RESURRECTION PRAYERS

## WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

*The Lord is Risen This Morning*

by Besig

## OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

*Hosanna! Praise is Rising*

by Baloché

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 245 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 3)

*The Day of Resurrection*

**ALL SING:** The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin, the whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION<sup>3</sup>

COMMUNION PRAYER<sup>4</sup>

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; Christ who was anticipated by the prophets and prepared for by the people... Together with those who see and believe, with those who stand and question, 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

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**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**

**SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS** (all cups contain grape juice)

*During the sharing of the elements, we will be singing various Easter hymns. Words for the songs will be listed on the screens. The hymnal numbers are also listed below if you'd prefer to use a hymnal. We will be singing the first verse of each hymn.*

*I Come to the Garden Alone, #237 (black hymnal)*

*Now the Green Blade Rises #238 (black hymnal)*

*Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day #241 (black hymnal)*

*Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One # 253 (black hymnal)*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING<sup>5</sup>**

**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. 233** (black hymnal)

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Alleluia*

by Mozart

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship is a combination of two liturgies. The first 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 April 4, 2022 and the second was written by Nancy C. Townley and found on <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3683/worship-connection-easter-sunday-2022>, accessed on April 4, 2022.

<sup>2</sup>The 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.

<sup>3</sup>The Invitation was written by Rev. Martha Spong and was published on her website, [https://marthaspong.com/2005/03/29/my\\_last\\_post\\_wa/](https://marthaspong.com/2005/03/29/my_last_post_wa/) and accessed on March 25, 2021.

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<sup>4</sup>The 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.

<sup>5</sup>The 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.

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## **MT. ZION UCC WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK.....**

Thank you to our Worship Choir & Brass Ensemble for combining their talents and blessing us with their gifts today.

### **Worship Choir**

#### **Soprano**

Deborah Butcher  
Barb Neff  
Lana Fritz

#### **Alto**

Brenda Beyer  
Paula Strayer

#### **Bass**

Tom Bair  
Braden Bicher

### **Brass Ensemble**

Mason DeMers

Catie Kiefer

Missy Kiefer

Jordyn Myers

Sam Neff

8 AM Welcome Team and Communion Servers: The Dallam family, Rick & Cindy Hogentogler

8 AM Hospitality Table Coordinator: Carol Bair

8 AM Sound Tech: John Schriver

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Welcome Team and Communion Servers: Tori Everhart, Melissa Shindler, Tammy Gordon, & Carol Hartman

10:30 AM Hospitality Table Coordinators: Faye Heal & Dawn Almone

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

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# Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



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,

7



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,

11



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,

15



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

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

# He Lives (Refrain)

Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

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*Refrain*

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The piece begins with a piano dynamic. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: '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, sal - vation to im - part! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.' The score ends with a double bar line.

He lives, he lives, Christ Je-sus lives to -

5  
- day! He walks with me and talks with me a -

8  
- long life's nar row way. He lives, he lives, sal -

12  
- vation to im - part! You ask me how I know he lives? He

16  
lives with-in my heart.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

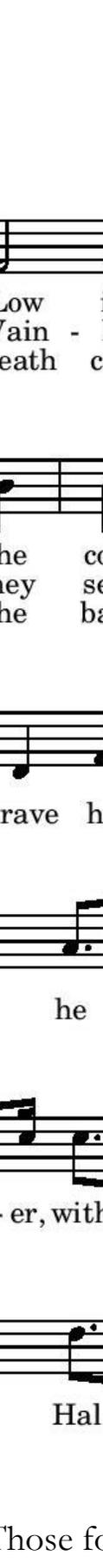
# Up from the Grave He Arose

Robert Lowry, 1874

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Piano 

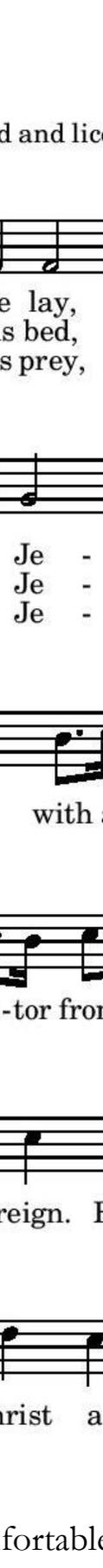
1. Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,  
2. Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;  
3. Death can-not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;

5 

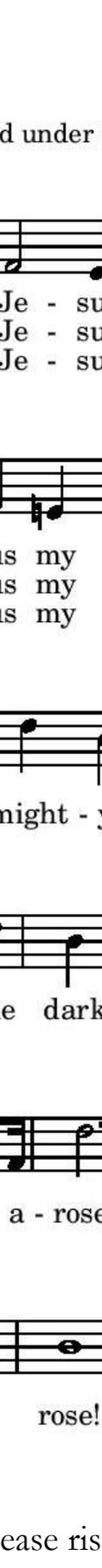
wait - ing the com-ing day, Je - sus my Lord!  
vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord!  
he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord!

9 

Up from the grave he a - rose, with a might - y triumph o'er his

12 

foes; he a - rose a vic-tor from the dark do - main, and he

15 

lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a - rose! He a -

18 

- rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

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# The Day of Resurrection

Henry T. Smart, 1836

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Piano 

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a -  
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a -  
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be -

5 

- broad; the Pass - o - ver of glad-ness, the Pass-o-ver of God. From  
- right the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res-ur-rec-tion light; We  
- gin, the whole world keeps high tri-umph, and all that is there - in; Let

10 

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

14 

Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic-tor strain.  
Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

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# Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1739

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♩ = 80

Piano



1. Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, 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



Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now your 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!

9



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

13



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

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.