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April 12, 2023

8:00 & 10:30 AM

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*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 narthex 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. Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30 AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Because He Lives*

by Gaither

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

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: We have not seen the risen Christ,

**P: But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.**

L: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**P: But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.**

L: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**P: But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

L: Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

P: Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 238 NCH** (black hymnal, see p. 4) *Now the Green Blade Rises*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** We listen to the news, read the newspapers, and wonder if peace will ever reign in your world, Lord. Today we have been invited to be with the disciples in that hidden place where they also wondered about peace and hope. You broke through. You shattered the darkness and they were astonished again. Help us to understand that you will bring peace to each one of us. Forgive all those times when we treat this moment of revelation as though it was impossible. Give us the courage to reach out to you and touch our hearts once again. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 233 NCH (v. 3, see p. 5) *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

**ALL SING:** Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia! God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

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

**SCRIPTURE**

*Psalm 16*  
*John 20:19-31*

**MESSAGE**

*Rev. Dr. Carrie Call*  
*Conference Minister, Penn Central Conference*

**HYMN NO. 241 NCH** (black hymnal, see p. 6)

*Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day*

## 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.

### A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*Worthy is the Lamb*

by Zschech

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (see p. 7)

*You Give Us Hope This Easter Day*

**ALL SING:** You give us hope this Easter Day: O God, in Christ, you make us new! As we've been blessed, O Lord, we pray, May these our gifts bless others, too.

**O gracious God, you give us life! This gift is one we're called to share. May we now serve the risen Christ Through these our gifts of love and care.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 249 NCH (black hymnal, see p. 8)

*Peace I Leave With You My Friends*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

by Founds

### References

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship was written by Thom Schuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/> and accessed on April 12, 2023.

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of Confession was written by Nancy C. Townley and posted on the website, Ministry Matters, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8088/worship-connection-april-19-2020> and accessed on April 12, 2023.

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## Now the Green Blade Rises

John M. C. Crumb

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♩ = 80  
Piano

1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied  
 2. In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had  
 3. Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en  
 4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing or in

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grain; Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;  
 slain, Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 grain, Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,  
 pain, Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,

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Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been: Love is come a -  
 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
 Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:  
 Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

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- gain like wheat that ris - es green.

# Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1739

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$\text{♩} = 80$

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!

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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!

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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!

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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!

# Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

George R. Woodward, 1910

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Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter  
2. O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle  
3. O Sov - ereign One, with us a -

5

Day, the sun shone out with bright ar -  
One, come take our hearts to be your  
- bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter -

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- ray; For when the'A - pos - tles hid in  
own; That we ev - ery may give you on all our  
- tide; From ev - ery weap - on death can

13

fear, the Ri - sen Christ to them ap -  
days the will - ing trib - ute of our  
wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er

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- peared.  
praise.  
shield.

# You Give Us Hope this Easter Day

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Hal Hopson, 1972

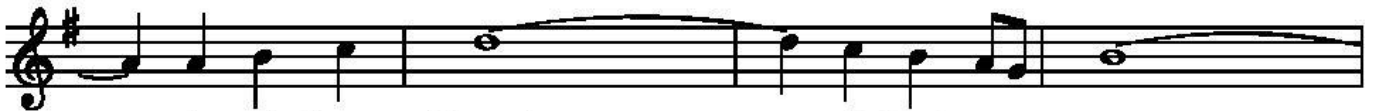
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Piano 

1. You give us hope this Ea-ster Day:  
2. O gra-cious God, you give us life!

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O God, in Christ, you make us new!  
This gift is one we're called to share.

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As we've been blessed, O Lord, we pray,  
May we now serve the ris - en Christ

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May these our gifts bless o-ters, too.  
through these our gifts of love and care.

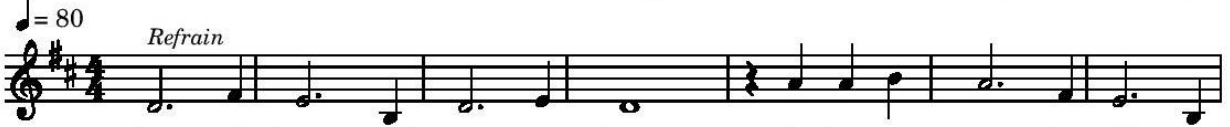
# Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

Ray Repp, 1967

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*Refrain*

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$



Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in all you

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do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can


15



give to oth - ers, too.

1. To share God's love is why I  
2. Take my hand and be at  
3. With this love now all will

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came, to show God's kind - ness with out end. Go now, my friends, and  
peace; the spir - it of our love I send. And with this love you  
know that lone - li - ness is at an end. Re-joice, my friends, al -

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do the same, un-til I come a - gain.  
will be free, un-til I come a - gain.  
- though I go, for I will come a - gain.

*To Refrain*