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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2020

10:00 AM

Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

(verses from Psalm 118)

L: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

P: **The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad!

P: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever!**

L: Rejoice! The Lord is risen!

P: **He is risen indeed!**

*HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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CALL TO CONFESSION:

(based on Acts 10)

If we think that God favors certain people over others, we are mistaken. God accepts everyone who honors and lives for Christ – who is Lord of all. But we know that our lives do not always line up with God's desires for us. We need God's grace! Trusting that God wills us to be free in Christ, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, forgive us if we have grown numb to the miracle of Jesus' resurrection! Forgive us if we fail to fully trust the promise that you have defeated the power of death! Renew in us the joy of knowing that we belong to you now and forever through your life-giving love! Hear us as we ask for your mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.

TIME FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

WORDS ASSURING US OF GOD'S GRACE (Responsive)

(based on Acts 10)

L: Receive this Good News: Christ alone is judge of the living and the dead!

P: **All who believe in him receive forgiveness through his holy name!**

L: Believing that God raised Jesus from the dead, we bear witness to the new life we receive in him!

P: **Praise God! In Christ, we are forgiven and made new!**

*RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

#582

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison):

Only with the help of your Spirit, O God, can we receive your Word for us today! We ask that you provide us with understanding so that we may live and love and serve in response to your life-giving Word! Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

(Common English Bible)

On this mountain, the LORD of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined. He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples, the shroud enshrouding all nations. He will swallow up death forever. The LORD God will wipe tears from every face; he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth, for the LORD has spoken. They will say on that day, "Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited; let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

(Common English Bible)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you." With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

THE WORD EXPLORED: Almost Nothing Stays the Same

Rev. Rebecca Taylor

HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

#240

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(traditional)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*WORDS AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (Unison)

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord!**He has been Lord from the beginning.****He will be Lord at the end.****Even now he is Lord!**

*HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

#245

BENEDICTION:

Revelation 21:3-5a

(Common English Bible)

I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Remember: you are never alone. You are always held in the love of God, kept in the grace of Jesus the Christ, and accompanied by the Holy Spirit!

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

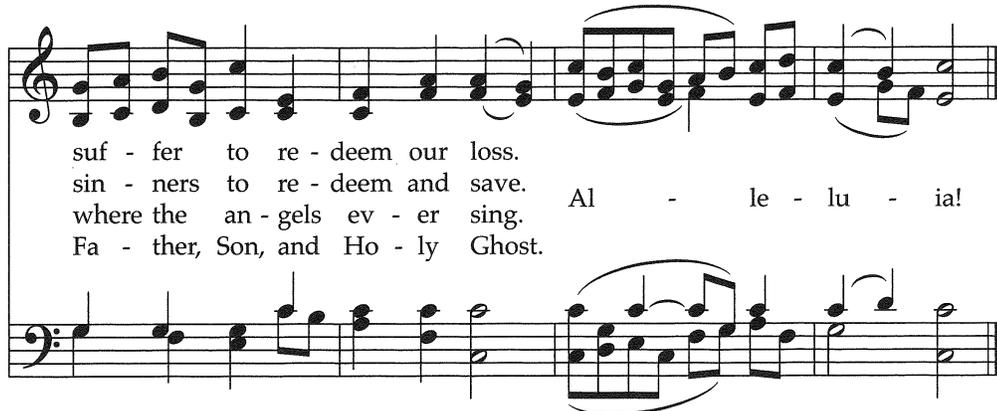
who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
 Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749
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EASTER HYMN
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JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

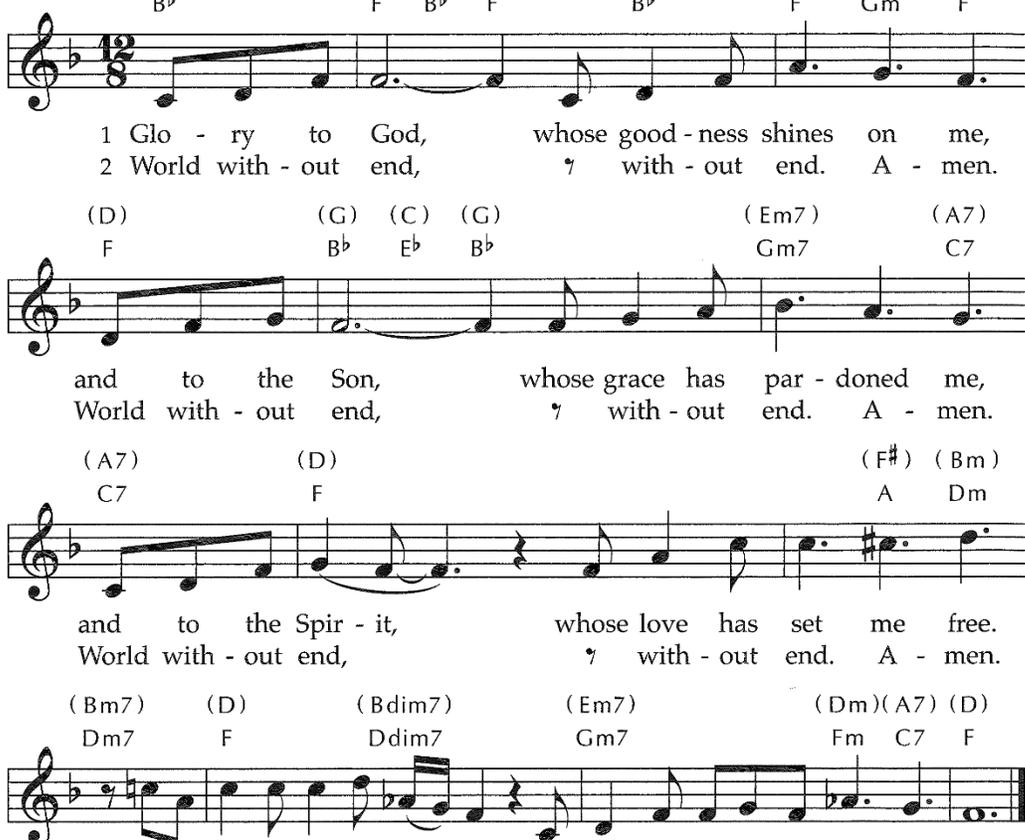


suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SERVICE MUSIC

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

*** THE LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE NEXT WEEK *****

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Questions for Reflection

According to the gospel, Christ's wounds were not erased by the resurrection. In fact, he invites Thomas and the other disciples to touch his wounds to bring the disciples back to faith. How might we in the church use our wounds to help others come to faith?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, you have made known to me the ways of life and have promised to fill me with the gladness of your presence. Keep me mindful of your guidance and your promise as I travel through this day, that my heart may be glad. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for giving me your counsel today. Tonight, as I sleep, may the dreams of my heart also serve to instruct me in your ways. In you I have a good heritage, and my heart, my soul, and my body rest in you. Amen.

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THE TEXTS IN BOLD will be used in worship next Sunday; please read them during the week and pray that God's spirit will help and guide us all as we encounter God's word!

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| Larry Dyke | Carrie Salapek |
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***** ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS *****

EASTER HOLIDAY HOT MEALS-have been postponed. Information will be published once a new date has been set.

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING-Join in God's call to share our bread with the hungry, to aid and shelter people overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and to resource communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression. Gifts will be received through this Sunday, **April 26, 2020**. Online donations may be designated for One Great Hour of Sharing.



BEING RESCHEDULED: A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

SHARING PLACE-For the foreseeable future we are not having the host churches send their teams.

***** JOYS AND CONCERNS *****

Joys:

The Caring Connection that gathers monthly at Warren Apartments
Janice & Don O'Neil, Lila Hookins' sister & brother-in-law, hospitalized with Coronavirus, now able to be up and moving around in their hospital room.
Bob Sears who is training to assist in leading Bible Studies at SCI Cambridge Springs

Concerns:

Prayers for Connor and Christian
Prayers for Joyce Hill who suffered a fall
Prayers for Dorothy Collins, who is now home
Prayers for Bill
Prayers for Mary Schorman, recovering from surgery
Prayers of healing for Wanda Monts
Courage, Strength and Faith to Larfay Austin Jr during his incarceration
Prayers for Sherry Walter who is now residing with her daughter, Kim
Prayers for Carinne Palm, Vickie Eggleston's sister, undergoing radiation treatments
Prayers for Trevor, recovering from shoulder surgery
Prayers for Susan Wenzel, who has health concerns
Prayers for Lynda Slocum's son Andy and grandson, Brayden
Prayers for Lois Buerkle, Lynn Sears' sister, as she undergoes treatments for cancer
Prayers for Andy Yurick
Prayers for Tristan Dolan
Prayers for Louise Crozier and family
Prayers for Katie Roth Spiegel, who is undergoing treatment for cancer
Prayers for Wally Post
Prayers for Lisa Huey Hochberg and others struggling with dementia and alzheimer's
Prayers for Seth
Prayers for Margaret Taylor, Rebecca's mother, under Hospice care
Prayers for our members and friends residing in care facilities
Prayers for those affected by the Coronavirus.
Courage, strength, and faith to all those affected by violent crimes.
Those serving in our military, people struggling with addiction, and those in jail
Those facing famine and hunger in remote and desolate places.
Let the Light of the Lord shine on all peoples in all nations

***** PRESBYTERY JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS *****

We pray for the churches and ministerial staff that constitute the Lake Erie Presbytery. This week we pray for Endeavor, Commissioned Pastor, Roger Snyder and Co Moderator of 222nd General Assembly Rev. Cindy Kohlman and Elder Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri.

Coronavirus — What You Need to Know

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus first detected in Wuhan, China, that has caused an outbreak of respiratory illness. The current outbreak has spread internationally, impacting an increasing number of countries. In the United States, imported cases of coronavirus infection in travelers have been detected and person-to-person spread of the virus also has been seen among close contacts of returned travelers from China. On February 25, 2020, the CDC confirmed COVID-19 in an individual who reportedly did not have relevant travel history or exposure to another known patient.

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), most people in the United States have little immediate risk of exposure to this virus. The virus is not currently spreading widely in the United States. However, it is likely that person-to-person spread will continue to occur and that, at some point, widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will occur.

Action Steps

1. Stay informed – the situation with the coronavirus is fluid and the [CDC](#) is updating its website daily with the latest information and advice for the public.
2. Remember to take everyday preventive actions that are always recommended to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:
 - Avoid close contact with sick people.
 - While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible. Stay home if you are sick.
 - Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
 - Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.
3. The CDC and State Department have issued advisories asking people to avoid all nonessential travel to China and South Korea at this time. Travel alerts have also been issued for Japan, Italy and Iran.

Given the rapidly-evolving situation with COVID-19, it is prudent to revisit your organization's emergency preparedness plans, including any pandemic planning. The CDC has made [pre-pandemic planning guides](#) available for community and faith-based organizations, educational institutions, workplaces and individual households.