

We Gather as the People of God

‡Musical Call to Worship *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* arr. Alluded

‡Greeting, Announcements, and Invitation to Discipleship

‡Reception of New Members Ruth Ann and Wayne Aschwege

*‡Introit *An Easter Celebration* arr. Cameron

*‡Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Many: Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

One: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

Many: Praise God with the harp and the cello!

One: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Many: Praise God with flutes and guitars!

One: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Many: Let everything with life and breath praise God!

*‡Hymn No. **681** *This is the Day the Lord Hath Made* NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray with one voice.)

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

Kyrie No. **553**

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

LAND OF REST

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Assurance of Pardon

*‡Exchange of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

(Psalm 118)

1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
 2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
 3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
 4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on

all God's own. Let heaven re - jice; let
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in

earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24–29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

**Day of delight and beauty unbounded,
tell the news, the gospel spread!
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,
praise Christ risen from the dead!**

**Sing now of mourning turned into dancing;
sing now the mystery of hope of our glory;
sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!
Sing now of fasting turned into feasting;
sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;
sing, all things living, alleluia!**

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We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 150

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Risen Indeed!

Pote

(Words printed on the back of the bulletin.)

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Love Has Been Fulfilled, Despite...

Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

*Hymn No. **231**

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

We Respond to God's Word

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: United Presbyterian Church, Jetmore

Ministry: Lawn Team and Garden Team

Care and Comfort: Janice DeMayo, Steve DeMayo, Gary Hart,
Pam Head, Sheena Heimberg, Carol Taylor

Prayers of the People

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.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Hymn to Joy

arr. Keller

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231

1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li-gion strange.

Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans - for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Let us pray with one voice.)

Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen.

We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

*Hymn No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*Justice Together Commissioning

One: Grace is one of seventy founding churches of Justice Together. Justice Together promotes the mission of Jesus to serve the least of these. This mission is carried out in solidarity with the poor. Thus, working to promote the values of Justice is an expression of who we are as Christians, followers of Jesus Christ. The commitment to the poor, refugee, homeless, mentally ill, and the promotion of justice are intrinsically linked to the mission of Grace Presbyterian Church. "The mission of Grace Presbyterian Church is to make fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ."

Many: I will with God's help.

One: Justice Together, in words and deeds, is about the proclamation of Jesus Christ, in solidarity with the poor, and the liberator of every structure of death; a proclamation of the Good News that is also reflected in our lifestyle. Will you commit to being the best Jesus to the poor, refugee, homeless, mentally ill, and in the promotion of justice someone sees. Will you commit to this mission of Jesus?

Many: I will with God's help.

One: Let us pray with one voice.

Many: May God bless us with discomfort with easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships...so that we will live deep within your heart. May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people...so that we will work for justice, equity, and peace. May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war...so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain to joy. And may God bless us with the foolishness to think that we can make a difference in the world ...so that we will do the things which others tell us cannot be done. Amen.

The Prayer above was adapted from the original as written by Elaine Menardi

*Charge and Blessing

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

The Postlude

The Glory of These Forty Days

arr. Sedio

**(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

‡(Time to seat those who arrive after the start of the service)

The flowers this morning are given by Bruce and Trish Gealy in honor of their wedding anniversary on May 19.

Leading and Serving in Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh, Interim Pastor

Anne Burris, Liturgist

Sean Foster, Director of Chancel Choir

Bryce Mulkey, Bell Choir Director

Kelsey Wise, Organist

Chancel Choir

Bell Choir

Fred Heismeyer, Reader

Worship Notes

An Easter Celebration (Introit)

arranged by Wes Cameron

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ arose!

Risen Indeed! (Anthem)

by Allen Pote

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Sing alleluia, he is risen.

Lift up your voices sing alleluia.

Christ is risen indeed, he is risen from the dead.

He is alive, alleluia!

He died for us, our sinful souls to save.

Now he is risen from the grave.

The tomb stands empty, the stone was rolled away.

Darkness has vanished, the night has turned to day.

Jesus will meet us when our death is near.

He gives us hope eternal. We need not fear!

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

The first system of the musical score is in D major and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line with a long note for '4 Ho - - - ly,' and a piano accompaniment consisting of chords and moving lines in both hands.

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line has a long note for 'ho - - - ly,'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The system concludes with a final cadence.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

THE TRIUNE GOD

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It begins with a long note on G4, followed by a series of quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'ho - - - ly,' are written below this staff. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, featuring a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, providing a harmonic foundation with chords and a few moving lines.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The second system of the musical score also consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, continuing the melody from the first system. It starts with a half note on G4, followed by quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.' are written below. The middle and bottom staves continue the piano accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same rhythmic and harmonic patterns.