

# Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 20, 2025

## Hallelujah! Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

Prelude      Oh Happy Day      *Philip Doddridge*

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

This is the day our God has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We come to receive the story of Christ,  
risen from the dead.

**We come to understand the story of our lives,  
lives made new.**

We come to remember who we are.

**An Easter people!**

In joy, in wonder, in love,

**We worship God! Hallelujah!**

Opening Song      Let Your Love Flow!      *Larry E. Williams*

There's a reason for the sun-shine sky  
And there's a reason why I'm feeling alive  
must be the season, when God's love light  
shines all around us.

So let that feeling take you deep inside  
And send you reeling where your love can't hide  
And then go stealing when God's love light  
shines all around us.

*Chorus*

**Just let your love flow like a mountain stream.  
And let your love grow with the smallest of dreams.  
And let your love show and you'll know what I mean  
It's the season**

**Let your love fly like a bird on a wing  
And let your love bind you to all living things  
And let your love shine and you'll know what I mean  
That's the reason**

There's a reason for the warm sweet nights,  
And there's a reason for the sun shining bright  
Must be the season when God's love lights  
shine all around us.

So let that wonder take you into space  
And take you under God's loving embrace  
Just feel the power when God's love light shines  
all around us.

*Chorus x 2*

Morning Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Anthem Christus Resurrexit

*words by Sally K. Albrecht and music by Jay Althouse*

Scripture Reading      John 20:1-18

Reflection      "Running For Our Lives"

Hymn of the Day    **Christ is Alive** (Voices United 158)

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- 1    Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2    Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.
- 3    In every insult, rift, and war,  
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4    Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5    Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music    Praise God                    *by Hugh S. Livingstone*  
*(Offering is collected)*

Offering Response    **What Can I Do?** (More Voices 191)

*(Please stand in body or spirit.)*

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What can I do?  
What can I bring?  
What can I say?  
What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy.  
I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love.  
I'll do my share. *Repeat*

Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn    **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**  
(Voices United 155)

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- 1    Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!
- 2    Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!  
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!  
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!
- 3    But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!  
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

- 4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!  
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

### Sending Forth

Go bring hope, where there is defeat.

**We will be hope from the risen Christ!**

Foster friendships, where people live in loneliness.

**We will be company, in the risen Christ!**

Work for purpose, where confidence is lacking.

**We will bring fulfillment in the risen Christ!**

Bring an end to apathy and fear.

**We will bring freedom in the risen Christ!**

Be a word of calm where there is tumult and upset.

**We will bring peace in the risen Christ!**

### Postlude The Trumpet Shall Sound

*from the "Messiah", George Frederick Handel*

Worship Leader – Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leaders – Sharon Prindle-Collins and the CBUC Choir  
and Glenn Parson and the CBUC Praise Band

Guest Musician – Tom Williamson

Greeters – John and Pat MacLeod

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Spirit Kids

Morning Prayer – Karen Strawn Samis

Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis

Scripture Reader – Bill Samis

Offering Invitation and Prayer – Alan Priestley

Technical Support – Louise Johnston and Jayda Perry

Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group

Flowers are offered by Elaine and Tom Zandee

in celebration of the lives of their parents,

Harold and Florence Middleton and John and Peggy Zandee