

Easter Morning Service
Christ Is Risen!
Sunday, April 9, 2022

Music & Dance: Here Comes the 'Son'

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

God of resurrection, you have rolled the stone away.
And the tomb of our world has been opened wide!
With the dawn has come a new creation.
Let our celebration today renew our lives and release your power.
We light the Christ candle and rejoice!
Alleluia!!

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!

Easter Morning Prayer

Choir Anthem: He Is Alive

by Joel Raney, quoting "In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles

A Time to Wonder

Listening for God's Word

Scripture: Luke 24: 1-12

Reflection: "The Ultimate Friend"

Hymn of the Day: **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**
(Voices United 664)

*Words: Joseph Medlicott Scriven ca. 1855
Music: Charles Crozat Converse 1868*

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Music: Morning Has Broken

*"Bunessan", a Traditional Gaelic Melody
arranged by Stan Pethel*

Offering Response: **Now Thank We All Our God**
(Voices United 236, v. 3)

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All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Offertory Prayer

Choir Anthem: Hallelujah! Christ Is Risen!

words and arrangement by Jon Paige, Tune: W Zlobie Lezy

**Alleluia! See the glory!
Death surrenders to the Light!
Now begins a better story,
love and grace have won the fight.
Jubilation, celebration!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ is living still today!
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The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You** (Voices United 232)

Words: Henry van Dyke 1907, alt.

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges 1864

1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.

3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Blessing and Going Forth

Postlude: Toccata by Charles Marie Widor

arranged by Lani Smith, from the Fifth Organ Symphony

Worship Leadership - Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership - Sharon Prindle-Collins and Glenn Parsons
Flutist - Johanna de Leeuw
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reading – Dennis Burke
Greeters – Ruth and Erich Schulz
Offering Collection - Sue Christensen, Joanne Thomas,
Arlene Vickery and Barb Waldner
Spirit Kids Program – Nancy Walker
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Jiemei Li
Fellowship Time – Elaine Zandee and Friends

Karen Clark Dancers – Alexis Birch, Maika Black, Alexandra Boulton,
Brooklyn Buckingham, Taylor Ellis, Kamryn Evans-Kingston,
Lauryn Henzie, Evie Hooker, Paisley Inkster, Annika Kaarls,
Samantha King, Khloe Lord, Amiahmalhi, Ella Massullo,
Cassidy Nadiger, Juliet Penstock, Presley Penstock, Abigail Pigeon,
Raven Styles, Lochlyn Wilkins and Sylvie Wilkins

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celebration of the lives of her husband, Bob Joslin
and cousin, Jerome McElroy.