

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 4th, 2021

Easter Sunday

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Thine Is the Glory

Lani Smith

CHORAL INTROIT Alive, Alive

Don Marsh

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a joyful festival day.

Come to celebrate amazing good news.

We gather for worship in awe and wonder.

The tomb is empty; death is not the last word.

Sing songs of praise, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has answered our prayers with salvation.

Jesus Christ is alive and we, too, shall live.

Open your hearts and minds to the risen Christ.

You are greeted by name and welcomed here.

This is the day that our God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

We greet the dawning brightness of this special day with hopes renewed. We have known grief and sorrow, loss and tears, fear and failure. Meet us here, living Christ, for we need this time of resurrection. We need your healing presence. We need your word of greeting that welcomes us into the community of faith in spite of our doubts and faithlessness. You are the Great Teacher. We have come to learn from you. We want to be your disciples. Amen.

*HYMN Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We cannot truly worship you, loving God, until we recognize how unloving we have been. We cannot truly live until we admit the many ways we have been dwelling in

death. We cannot know forgiveness until we honestly face the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. We admit before you now the anger and spite we have carried in our hearts, the doubts and fears we have allowed to paralyze us, the misplaced priorities that have led us away from your will and way. Help us break down the barriers we have erected so we can experience new life today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right finds forgiveness and acceptance. The One who came to embody love among people is ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. In Jesus' name, our sins are forgiven, and we are being saved. The grace of God is extended to each of us on this day of resurrection. Praise God!

*GLORIA PATRI

#805

INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF ELDERS

CHORAL ANTHEM Rejoice the Lord is King

Gordon Young

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

*HYMN Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

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SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 25:6-9 (p.639); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (p.1048) & John 20:1-18 (p.988)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

#14

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G. F. Handel/Arr. L. Smith

*DOXOLOGY

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

We consecrate all we have brought to share that the message of today may spread through the streets and across the lands, beginning within these walls and bursting out for all the world to hear and observe. May the glad songs motivate practical ministries. Forgiven and forgiving people, we take new life into the marketplace, into our jobs and schools, into our social life and leisure hours. May all we offer express true thankfulness. Amen.

*HYMN Christ Is Alive! verses 1 & 5

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

In Christ, we have been rescued from death.

At the cross, we have learned the cost of true love.

In Jesus, we have observed courage and faithfulness.

At the empty tomb, we have met the power of Love.

Continue to sing the glad songs of victory.

Dare to live the welcoming message of God's grace.

Christ has appeared to us in the joy of this day.

We have been empowered to reach out to others.

The One who was rejected holds the key to life.

The key of unconditional love is passed on to us.

We have seen the risen Christ, and we are changed.

We have been chosen as witnesses to resurrection. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** God Be With You

POSTLUDE Easter Chimes

#840

Charles Demorrest

*All those who are able, please stand.

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
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from thence he shall come to judge the
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Isaiah 25:6-9

p.639

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

p.1048

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still

alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

John 20:1-18

p.988

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did

not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 234

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Cor. 15:20

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

Descant *Refrain*

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

Harmony

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,

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.

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Christ Is Alive! 243

"I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!" Rev. 1:18



1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
scorn or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.



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