

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 18th, 2021

2nd Sunday after Easter

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Near to the Heart of God

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

CHORAL INTROIT Alive, Alive

Don Marsh

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set apart those who are faithful.

Our Creator will hear us when we call.

God puts gladness in our hearts and minds.

We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.

Beloved, we are God's children now.

What we will be has not yet been revealed.

We are here to remember Jesus Christ.

We want to be like the One who lived by love.

Our faith strengthens us for each day's living.

God empowers our ministries of caring.

We trust God whose children we are.

We look forward to what God will reveal to us.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

God of our ancestors, author of life, source of Easter good news, we are drawn together again by the mystery of life and death. We call on you, so far beyond our knowing, with a mixture of faith and doubt. Let your face shine on us as we put our trust in you. Draw together the fragments of our busy lives around the central core of love which you provide that we might relate to one another as a whole people. Grant us a fuller sense of what is right and good and help us to live at our best. Amen.

*HYMN O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing *verses 1, 2, 4, 5* #130

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We are disturbed, O God, by the evil that surrounds us. It is hard to view many people we see as your children: murderers, abusers, those who cheat others and

profit at their expense. We feel like victims. Why should we confess our sins when there is so much evil beyond our influence? Yet we know we do not abide in your love. We sin by turning away from sisters and brothers who are also beloved by you, however they may differ from us. We seek the forgiveness you promise and the health you offer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to all who repent and seek new life in Christ. The peace of God dwells in us when we honestly examine ourselves, exposing our wounds to Love's healing and our self-deceit to Love's correction. Beloved, we are accepted by God whose will for us is a joyous freedom in Christ Jesus.

*GLORIA PATRI

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM Tender Lord, Precious Lord

Douglas E. Wagner

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

*HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#558

MISSION MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Psalm (p.480); 1 John 3:1-17 (p.1111) & Luke 24:36-48 (p.965)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

On insert

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

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Teach Me. O Lord, Your Way of Truth

arr. Matthew Pascazio

*DOXOLOGY

#809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

We give with joy, gracious God, for you have been with us even when we were unfaithful. You have kept us in safety through times of grave distress. We can call on you in all times and places, in life and in death, knowing that your strength is available to sustain us. We give now that your church may be empowered in the proclamation of good news and the transformation of human life. Amen.

*HYMN The Day of Resurrection *verses 1, 3*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Put your trust in God as you face another week.

Good affirms you and claims your faithfulness.

We will open our eyes to the goodness of God.

We seek to follow faithfully where Christ leads.

Turn away from vain words and seeking after lies.

Seek the purity of life we find in Christ Jesus.

We pray for honest insight as we seek truth.

O that we might see the good in ourselves!

We have been touched by mystery and wonder.

Let us live as God's beloved children.

What we will become has not yet been revealed.

We are confident in God's will for us. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

#840

Douglas E. Wagner

*All those who are able, please stand.

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Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?*Selah*

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;

the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.*Selah*

Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!"

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart

more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters.

For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him?

Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Luke 24:36b-48

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While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then

he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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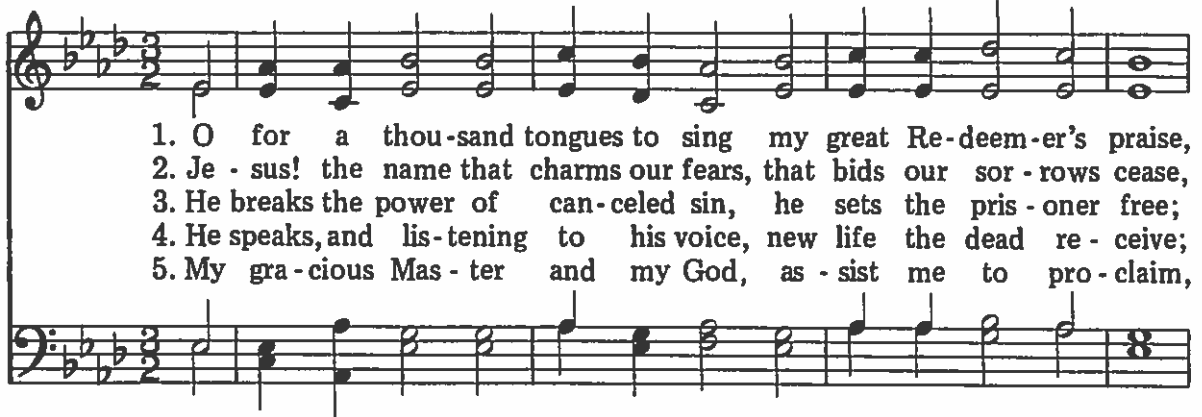
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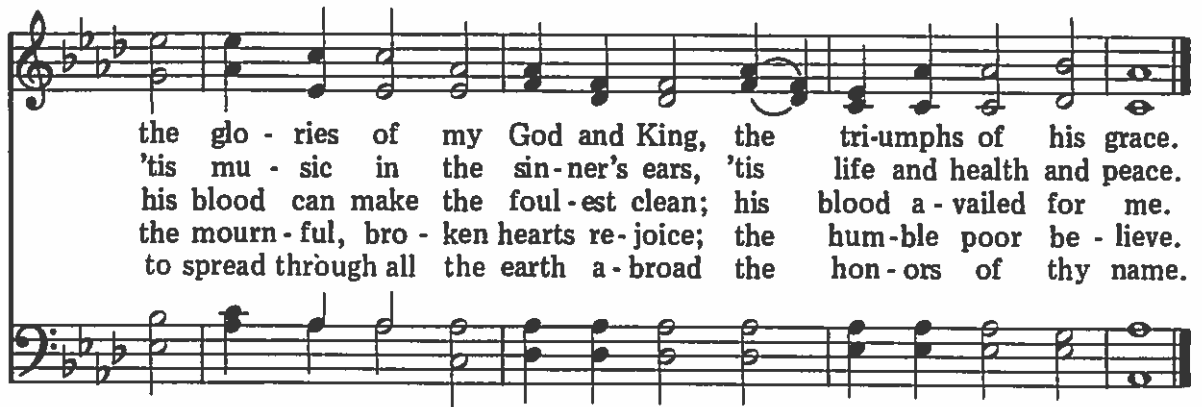
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My tongue will speak of your righteousness and of your praises all day long. Ps. 35:28



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease,
3. He breaks the power of can-celed sin, he sets the pris - on-er free;
4. He speaks, and lis-tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
5. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re-joice; the hum-ble poor be - lieve.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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... God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son. 1 Jn. 4:9



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



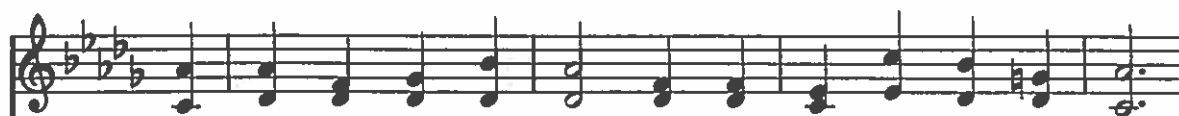
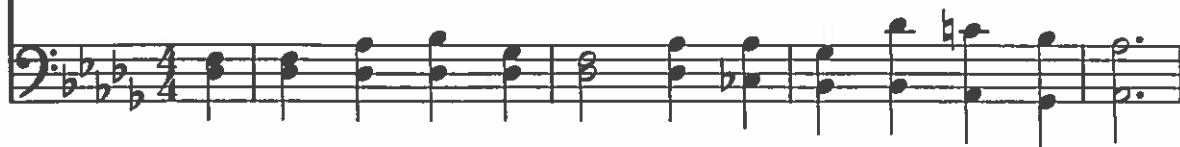
vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



The Day of Resurrection 247

Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. Mt. 28:9

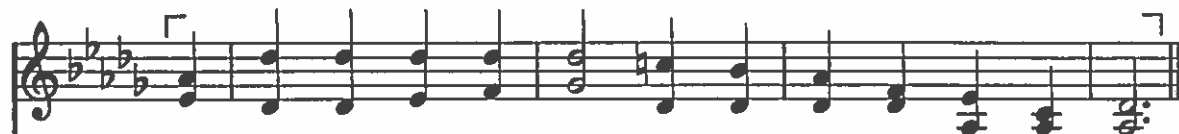
1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth its song be - gin!



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 The world re - sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "all hail" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our Joy that has no end.

