



April 4, 2021 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering and Welcome

Rev. Todd Smith

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Voluntary

Open the Gates of the Temple
Piano & Organ Duet

MaryLee Swift & Kirsten Fitsimmons

Call to Worship

Marsha Brooks/Dennis Kirkwood

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
People: **He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Hymn # 113

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Todd Smith

Gracious Father, we confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We have neglected and misused Your holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and unkindly with our neighbors. We have not sought first Your Kingdom and Your righteousness. You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ and have offered us pardon and salvation in Him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation, and the sin we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy Name we pray the

prayer you taught us ... 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 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.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it



was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.

The 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Lesson

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

6 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.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
8 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.
9 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

John 20:1-18

20 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. 2 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.” 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 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. 13 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.” 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 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.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 17 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.’” 18

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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Sermon

Rev. Todd Smith

Surprise! It is Easter. Mary, John and Peter run to the tomb; from despair we find unfathomable Joy!!

It is Easter, and we live every moment with all of the joy, commitment, courage, hope, faith, love, praise and enthusiasm we can summon and display.

Surprise! It is Easter, and yet Mary weeps. Of all days, on Easter, the day of joy and triumph and praise, and (of all places) right beside the empty tomb and standing next to (of all people) the risen Christ, she weeps!

How could it happen? Had she forgotten the Savior's promise? "Remember the third day, Mary. That's the day I will rise again!" Is that why she was crying -- crying as if Easter had never happened, as if her dear Savior still lay buried and entombed in the gloomy grave, or as if his lifeless body had been stolen away to another final resting place? Well, who could blame her? None of us remembered or, more to the point, none of us believed it could be true!

But Jesus was there to remind her to remember his promise: I'm back. First to Mary, then to the rest of us, and then to the world. Remember the promise. The promise of Easter Morn.

Remember the promise, Mary – or Bill, John, Sally, Dorothy, or whatever your name is. The promise is fulfilled: "The third day He rose again." Remember the promise validated by that resurrection, the promise on his lips to Mary, Martha and to us all as we stood at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life. Believe in me, hang on to me, and you will never die. From death and the tomb you will one day rise to live, laugh and love again." Remember that promise and dry your tears. He is alive! He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

You have been redeemed by the savior of the World. We have reached the mountain top!!

Hymn 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Hymn of Promise
Arranged by Natalie Sleeth

Todd Smith & Lynda McRee

Doxology 592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Hymn # 108

Christ is Alive!

Benediction

Rev. Todd Smith

Postlude

The Strife is O'er
Piano Solo

Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

Robert Williams, 1817
Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;
4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say;
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won; Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Praise to You by both be given;

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high;
Death in vain for - bids Him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus died, our souls to save;
Ev - ery knee to You shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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DIADEMATA SMD

Matthew Bridges, 1851

George Job Elvey, 1868

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;

Hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
 Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; And round His pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me;

And hail Him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Christ Is Alive!

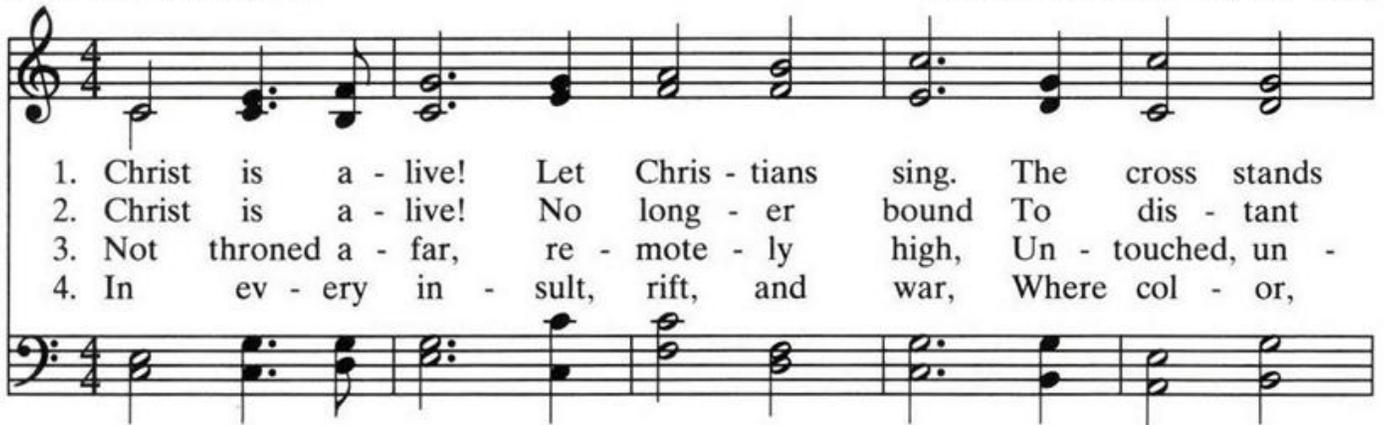
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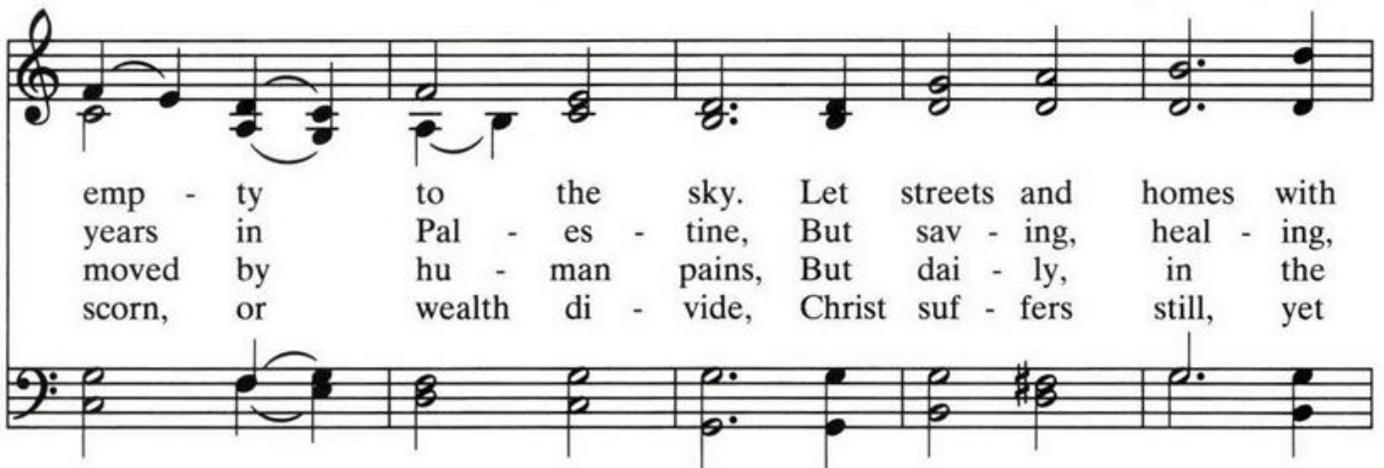
Thomas Williams, 1789

Brian Wren, 1968; rev.

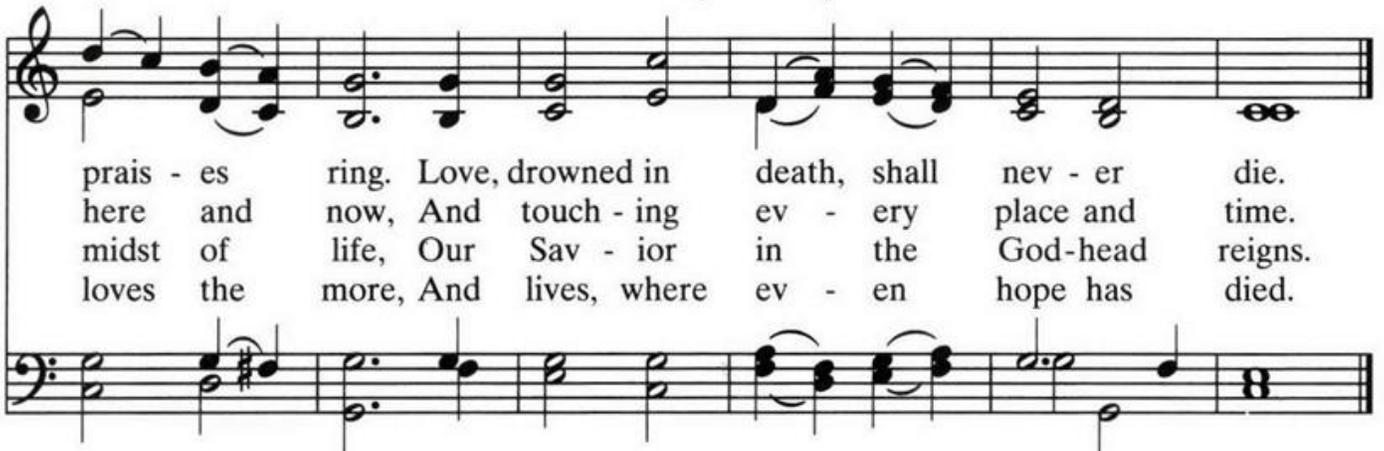
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



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,



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



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 ev - en hope has died.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Till earth and sky and ocean ring
Good news to this and every age, With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF OUR LOVED ONES

Donations for the Palm Sunday and Easter services were made in memory of or in honor of the beloved family members or friends below:

- In memory of Edit Marie Brown, Gene Lehman, and Robin Wantz. Love from Barbara Fitzsimmons
- In memory of my husband Hayward and my sons Edward and Timmy Putnam. With love from Marianna Putnam
- In memory of our Moms, Dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles. In honor of our loving family. Love from Gary and Gail Lowe
- In memory of Carroll S. James, Sr., Margaret S. James, Carroll S. James, Jr. With love from Martha James Nichols
- In memory of our parents, Ken & Betty Wade and Joe & Pat Mory. Love from Jack & Nancy Mory
- With love to our Fathers – Edwin Calary Sr. and Theodore Schmidt. With love to our nephew Donnie Laye. Also in honor of our mothers: Ruth Calary and Beverly Schmidt; our children and grandchildren – Brian, Lisa, Leah and Brandon Calary, Jennifer, Andrew & Rhiannon Thomson. With Love, Joy, and Blessings – Eddie & Debbie Calary
- In loving memory of Betty St. Clair Saneman and Jane Thompson Lyons, our mother and grandmother. We miss you – with love from Chuck, Kelley, Bailey, Reilly and Brandon Saneman
- In memory of Theodore E. Schmidt, Jr., Mildred Wagner, and John E. Wagner. With love from Beverly A. Schmidt
- In memory of my wonderful husband, Edwin Calary Sr. We had 70 great years together. Love always. Also in memory of my grandson, Donnie Laye as well as our parents, William & Perla Matson and Harry & Evelyn Calary. And in honor of my children: Ruth Ann & Donald Laye and Eddie Jr. and Debbie Calary. In honor of my grandchildren: Brian & Lisa Calary and Jennifer & Andrew Thomson. And in honor of my great-grandchildren: Leah & Brandon Calary and Rhiannon Thomson. From Ruth Calary – Love to all!
- In memory and in honor of Ross & Elmira Markline for years devoted to Bethel Church and Sunday Schools. From your daughter, Bettie Markline Clark
- In memory of my mom and dad, Hope and Berlin Smith. With love from Terri Schwarz
- In memory of Joseph H. Koepper, Sr., with love from his wife Ada and family
- In loving memory of our dear son, Franklin W. Hughes, Jr. With love and fond memories. Always in our hearts. Also in memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Hughes and Mr. & Mrs. Donald. With love from Frank & Sandy Hughes and Jenny & Malcom Daughton. Also in honor of our wonderful grandson, Malcom Franklin Daughton, we love you! From Mom Jenny Daughton and grandparents Frank & Sandy Hughes
- In memory of Charles Kirchner and Chester Coughenour, and in honor of Barbara Kirchner and Janet Coughenour. With love from David & Sherry Kirchner

- In memory of Ronald Preston and Patricia Preston McFatrige. With love from Libby Preston
- In honor of our 3 daughters Cheri, Cindi, and Michelle and our granddaughters Lindsey, Taylor and Sidney. With love from George & Nancy Cowman

Thank you all for your donations and messages of love.



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