

Order of Worship

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 am and 11:00 am – April 4, 2021

Watching Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Fanfare Processional
Tyler Carlisle, organ

Douglas Wagner

WELCOME

HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

UMH 302

CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 4882752

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The long, dark night is over, and the sun is rising. Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen, Indeed!**

Take heart, friends – for God shows no partiality. You are welcome here!

Christ came for you, for me, and for the whole world, so that all might know God's love and mercy.

We come seeking the Lord – but we are afraid of what we will find.

We are witnesses of what God has done – help us, Lord, to testify to Your living presence!

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

(Rev. Erin Maddox McPhee, ©2021)

HYMN

Because He Lives (Amen)

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I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One;
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood;
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends, because He lives.

I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away!
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives every fear is gone;

I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;

Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives;

Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends. Because He lives; because He lives.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

A Joyful Easter Anthem
Tyler Carlisle, organ

arr. John Bergquist

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16: 1-8; Acts 10: 34-43

Lonnie Cavenee

MESSAGE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Will you join me in prayer:

God of Good Friday, God of Easter Morning, God of every moment: We praise You for being with us in the depths of our despair, at the pinnacles of our joy, and everywhere in between. O God, continue to be with us as we journey through this Easter Season and toward new, abundant life for all of Your beloved creation. Please bless these gifts, simple tokens of our commitment to be on this Resurrection journey with You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

(From "Radical Gratitude," *nwumf.org*)

Hymn

Easter People, Raise Your Voices
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UMH 304

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune
Tyler Carlisle, organ

David German

Prayer Requests

La Cañada UMC — Pastor Karen Ellis

Pacoima First UMC — Pastor Lydia Waters

Matthew Ashley (Carl & Linda Ashley's son) — newly diagnosed with ALS

Shelley Wiltfang — outpatient surgery on April 9th

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be no live worship on April 11, so that our staff and volunteers may have a much needed rest. Please enjoy virtual worship on our app, website, or Facebook page, led by the Cal-Pac Conference.

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