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# The Resurrected Christ Shows Up

## Easter Sunday ~ March 31, 2024

Today's Lay Reader: Lynn Caterson

### Welcome

### Prelude

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

arr. Lani Smith

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **We come, ready to walk with Jesus on the road to our own Emmaus.**

**Leader:** As we walk through grief, sadness and questioning, Jesus meets us along the way.

**People:** **He speaks and the sound of his voice is so sweet! He walks with us and talks with us on life's journey. When we need him the most, he shows up!**

## Hymn

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(verses 1 – 4)

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!  
 \* 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus 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!  
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, 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!  
 Thee we greet tri - um-phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, 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's thy vic - tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

### Opening Prayer

Lord, we feel peace when we know you are with us. We feel hope as we hear the story of your great triumph over death. Help us to meet you along life's narrow way. Help us to BE you to those who are lost, grieving and questioning. Help us to loudly proclaim "he lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!" Amen.

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

Sunday School Singers      Good News! He Is Alive!

### Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

### Hymn

### My Tribute

*(sing twice)*

To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry,  
to God be the glo - ry for the things he has done.  
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;  
to God be the glo - ry for the things he has done.

**Senior Choir**

**He Is Up and Gone**

**Kay Hull**

**Scripture Lesson**

**Luke 24:13-31**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

**Leader:** The Word of God for the people of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

**Message**

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**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

**Thine Is the Glory**

**arr. Lani Smith**

**Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Hymn**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.  
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,  
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heaven-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.  
 and rose vic - to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
 those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - 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.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

D Minor Toccata

J. S. Bach

2024

EASTER  
DEDICATIONS



# FLOWERS

**Ann Boutcher** – *In loving memory of Don Boutcher.*

**Susan Brownhill** – *In loving memory of Jim Brownhill, and my parents Ida and Barthol Gilbert.*

**Priscilla Cunningham** – *In honor of Zach Mannel and Ben Mannel, from their Mom Mom; and to the glory of God.*

**The Dennis Family** – *In loving memory of Linda Dennis.*

**The Keeping Family** – *In loving memory of Ellie Keeping, love is “eternal.”*

**Jean Killion** – *In loving memory of parents, Doris and Paul Laptonak and brother, Ron; loving family and friends. In loving honor of Lissa, Alex, Leah, and Jonah.*

**Donna Larkin** – *In loving memory of my mother, Bobbie King, and sister, Doreen Friedkin, and dad, Don Friedkin.*

**Bob and Mary McCarty** – *In loving memory of parents, Charles and Ruth McCarty; parents, John and Louise Roth; grandmother, Lena Sears-Price; son, Robert McCarty II.*

**Anne H. and Duane Phillips** – *In loving memory of William Phillips.*

**Fred and Sue Reitmeyer** – *In loving memory of parents, Robert and Raymonde Johnson; parents, Walter and M. Frances Reitmeyer. In honor of our church family.*

**The Roberts, Riblet, and Leary families** – *In loving memory of all our loved ones that have gone on before us.*

**Kris and Frank Rudisill** – *In loving memory of Raymond R. Huber, Jr. In honor of Marie A. Huber; Roman and Emilee Rudisill; Jocilyn P. Rudisill.*

**Barb Sabath** – *In honor of Bill and Melba Owens; C.W. Setterman; Candace Dornan.*



**Tom and Elaine Smith** – *In loving memory of* Dorothy and Peter Abbate; Helen and John Smith.

**Naomi V. Swan and family** – *In loving memory of* husband, James; sons Philip and Michael.

**Diane and Gary Thomas** – *In loving memory of* Betty Boyd; Annie and Charles Hemm.

**David Vedral and family** – *In loving memory of* my beloved wife, Laurie Vedral; Irene and Vincent Vedral, Mildred Reed, and Robert Wendel.

**David, Ali, Fiona, and Olivia** – *In loving memory of* our parents and grandparents; our son and dad, Alex.

*If you have donated toward Easter flowers, please feel free to take yours home after Easter worship. (Either the 9 AM or 11 AM service.)*

*Any flowers left over will be planted in our church gardens.*

# SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

**Susan Brownhill** – *In honor of* my grandsons – Charlie and Samuel Brownhill.

**Mike and Barbara Combs** – *In honor of* our children, and our granddaughter, Callie Rae.

**Joan Dearborn** – *In loving memory of* Donald E. Dearborn, Dorothy and Richard Dearborn, Margaret and Wendell Davis, Jay Wendell Davis, Rachel Goldberg, Tracey Powers.

**Barbara Dix** – *In loving memory of* my husband Bill, son Jimmy, grandson Ryan, and parents Charles and Kathryn.

**Dan and Marilyn Favara** – *In loving memory of* our family; Jim and Leann Klemowski.

**Carmen, Johna, and Mike Infante** – *In loving memory of* John and Martha Gregg and Mike and Laura Infante, our beloved parents.

**Kyung Sook Kwon** – *In loving memory of* Mary Scranton, the first woman missionary who came to Korea and founded the girls' school, Ewha Hakdang in 1886.

**June Paprocki and family** – *In loving memory of* Thomas H. Paprocki.

**Fred and Sue Reitmeyer** – *In honor of* our children: Lynne and Shawn; Bob and Susie; John and Mai; Jennifer and Andrew; and our grandchildren: Bailey; Tanner; Mary; Colleen; and Clay.

**The Roberts, Riblet, and Leary families** – *In honor of* all our young people that will carry on in the future.

**Barb Sabath** – *In honor of* Jackson Motto; Emersyn, Rowen, Maddy, Jax, Jamie, Parker, Nora, and Ilah.

**Diane and Gary Thomas** – given to the glory of God.

**Karen Ubbens** – *In loving memory of* my husband, Arthur A. Ubbens, Jr. *In honor of* my grandchildren: Daegan, Everett, Peyton, Carter, Axl, Zdyn.

**David and Ali Wade** – *In honor of* our children and grandchildren.

**Bob and Sharon Wilson and family** – *In loving memory of* Don Dearborn. *In honor of* Joan Dearborn; Evan Adams and his amazing family.