



**April 17, 2022**

**Sanctuary Worship, 10:00AM**

Welcome to worship today!

Please remember to follow the directions of our ushers. Masks are no longer mandatory inside the building, but recommended. We will continue to use generous spacing, respect the boundaries of others, and rejoice that we may worship together!



### **Prelude**

*We invite you to enjoy the prelude as a time of quiet reflection, and to individually prepare your hearts for the worship of God.*

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the good news - the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news - the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news - once we were no people, now we are God's people.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**People: Hallelujah!**

### **Prayer**

**Sanctifier of time and space, maker of dancing quarks and ancient quasars, of energy and element, blessed are you, Creator God. Your saving love endures forever; your holy light pierces the cold darkness of death and chaos; you cut a covenant of life with your creatures, which no evil can overcome. May the glorious radiance of resurrection dispel the shadows in our lives and conform us more closely to your risen Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor, praise and glory. Amen.**

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### **Sharing Easter Peace**

#### **Hymn – *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

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!

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!

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!

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!

*UMH 302. Charles Wesley, Lyra Davidica.*

### **Prayer Time & 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.**

### **Special Music – *The Risen Lamb***

Worthy the Lamb of God, the Lamb that once was slain,  
now risen from the grave. Alleluia!

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Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia! All creation joins to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high. Sing ye heav'ns and earth, reply. Alleluia, alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King. Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Once He died, our souls to save. Where thy victory, O grave?

Worthy the Lamb that was slain, now risen from the grave. Alleluia!

Worthy is the spotless Lamb, Son of God, our Great I Am.

Made like Him, like Him we rise. Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Blessing, glory unto Him who has freed us from our sin.

Gather now from ev'ry land, following our risen Lamb.

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Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen! Amen! Amen!

Susan Naus Dengler, quoting Charles Wesley; Lee Dengler incorporating tune *St. George's Windsor* by George L. Elvey. ©2019 CandelaWorks Music, div. of Jubilate Music Group, LLC.

## **Scripture Lesson – Luke 24: 1-12**

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

### ***Lord of the Dance, verse 5***

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

### **Message – Lord of the Dance!**

### **Celebrating Holy Communion**

#### ***Hymn – Easter People, Raise Your Voices***

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.

**Resurrection Blessing & Sending Out**

**Forward to Share Our Offerings**

**Out to Celebrate New Life in Christ!**

***What to know this week ...***

***Meetings this week:*** *Coffee & Conversation, 11:00AM on Wednesday; Colossian Way, 6:30PM on Wednesday in Room 12; Produce Packing, 9:00AM on Saturday in Carson Hall*

***Food Pantry needs this week:*** *16 oz. plastic jars of peanut butter, plastic containers of jelly, spaghetti sauce in cans or plastic jars, 16 oz. boxes of spaghetti*

***Office Closed:*** *Please remember that our office and Food Pantry are closed tomorrow for Easter.*

***The Yard Sale is coming on June 6!*** *Start getting your donations ready! Watch weekly emails and announcements in weeks to come for more information.*