

# Easter

Service of Worship March 31, 2024 9:00am  
Easter Day/Resurrection of the Lord

## Gathering

### THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

*(You are invited to come forward and place a flower on the cross as a symbol of the transition from Good Friday to Easter. As you place your flower, remember Jesus' death and give thanks for his resurrection.)*

### SONGS TO FLOWER

"Jesus, There's No One Like You"  
Carrie DeVries

Praise Team  
by Sovereign Grace

"Breathe"  
Cal Sweetin, hammered dulcimer

by Marie Barnett

"Holy Spirit"

by Torwalt

Congregation will be directed to join in singing on the final chorus.

**Holy Spirit, you are welcome here;  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by your presence, Lord.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around  
God's throne! Jesus Christ our King is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

**All: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!**  
**Jesus Christ our King is risen!**

One: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

**All: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!**  
**Jesus Christ our King is risen!**

One: Rejoice, O mother church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

**All: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!**  
**Jesus Christ our King is risen!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

*Symbols of faith are returned to the Sanctuary*

## Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

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1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*to Refrain*

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*spoken together*)

Rev. Karen Wright

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us trust your power to change our lives and make our faces shine with resurrection light, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: We share the peace of Christ saying, Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\*SONG OF PEACE

"The Goodness of Jesus"

by City Alight

**All**

# The Goodness of Jesus

(as published by City Alight Music)

Words and Music by  
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## INTRO

♩ = 70 C F2/A C G/C F2/A

## VERSE

1. Come you wea - ry heart now to Je - sus.  
2. Come find what this world can - not of - fer.  
3. Come and find your hope now in Je - sus.

7 C G/C F2 Am Am2/G C/E F

Come you an - xious soul now and see. There is per - fect love and com - fort in your tears.  
Come and find your joy here com - plete. Taste the liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er thirst a - gain.  
He is all He said He would be. Grace is o - ver - flow - ing from the Sav - iour's heart.

## CHORUS

11 C/G G Csus C F C G F Am

Rest here in His won - drous peace. Oh the good - ness, the good - ness of Je - sus. Sat - is - fied, He is all that I  
Rest here in His won - drous peace.  
Rest here in His won - drous grace.

16 Gsus G Am F C/E F C/G G(4) C

need. May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days in the good - ness of Je - sus.

(1) | 2,3  
21 F2/A C/G G(4) C F2/A C G/C F2/A

good - ness of Je - sus.

## Equipping

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 (NRSVue)

Bond Faulwell

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

SONG TO REFLECT

“Rise Up (Lazarus)”

by Cain

Praise Team

*In the dark and all alone, growing comfortable  
are you too scared to move and walk out of the tomb?  
Buried underneath the lies that you believed  
safe and sound, stuck in the ground, too lost to be found.  
You're just asleep. And it's time to leave.*

*Come on and rise up, take a breath, you're alive now.  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us out from the grave like Lazarus  
You're brand new, the power of death couldn't hold you  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us out from the grave like Lazarus*

*When he said your name the thing that filled your veins  
Was more than blood' it's the kind of love that washes sin away  
Now the door is open wide and the stone's been rolled aside  
The old is gone the light has come. So*

*Come on and rise up, take a breath, you're alive now.  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us out from the grave like Lazarus  
You're brand new, the power of death couldn't hold you  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us out from the grave like Lazarus*

*He's calling us to walk out of the dark ~ He's giving us new resurrected hearts  
Rise up out from the grave like Lazarus*

## Gospel Lesson

Mark 16:1–8 (NRSVue)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Fear or Faith?”

Rev. Karen Wright

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

“Jesus There’s No One Like You”

by Sovereign Grace

All

**There is no song we could sing to honor the weight of your glory.  
There are no words we could speak to capture the depth of your beauty.  
Jesus, there’s no one like you; Jesus, we love you, ever adore you.  
There’s no one like you; Jesus we love you, ever adore you, Lord.**

**There is no sinner beyond the infinite stretch of your mercy.  
How can we thank you enough for how you have loved us completely?  
Jesus, there’s no one like you; Jesus, we love you, ever adore you.  
There’s no one like you; Jesus we love you, ever adore you, Lord.**

**All we have, all we need, all we want is you.  
Jesus, there’s no one like you; Jesus, we love you, ever adore you.  
There’s no one like you; Jesus we love you, ever adore you, Lord.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of great gifts: This morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to**

**your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Amen**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People, and The 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 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**

The Words of Institution

Music for Communion

"Clean"

by Natalie Grant

Praise Team

*I see shattered, you see whole. I see broken, but you see beautiful.  
And you're helping me to believe you're restoring me piece by piece.  
There's nothing too dirty that you can't make worthy.  
You wash me in mercy, I am clean.*

*What was dead now lives again. My heart's beating, beating inside my chest.  
I'm coming alive with joy and destiny, 'cause you're restoring me piece by piece.  
There's nothing too dirty that you can't make worthy.  
You wash me in mercy, I am clean.*

*Washed in the love of your sacrifice.  
Your blood flowed and saved my life.  
My humble soul has been purified, I am clean.*

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup – *please partake of the bread first and then drink.*

*We are partaking of communion by intinction this morning. Please come forward using the center aisle. You will be handed a piece of bread and will take a cup from the tray. You may eat the bread and drink the cup as you feel ready to do so. If you would rather stay seated, the elements will be brought to you.*

Prayer After Communion

## Sending

\*SONG TO RESPOND

"May the Peoples Praise You"  
Praise Team verses/**All chorus**

by Getty, Getty, Townend,  
Cash & Zimmer



You have called us out of darkest night, into your glorious light,  
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.  
May our ev'ry breath retell the grace that broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

**May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!**

**All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.**

All the earth is yours and all within, each harvest is your own  
And from your hand we give to you to make Christ known.  
May the seed of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard,  
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread your word!

**May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!**

**All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.**

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Karen Wright

\*SONG TO SEND

“May the Peoples Praise You”  
Praise Team *verses*/**All chorus**

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This our holy priv'lege to declare your praises and your name  
To ev'ry nation, tribe and tongue your church proclaim.

**May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!**

**All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.**

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty.  
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

**Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty,  
All creation praise your glorious name.**

**May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!**

**All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.**

**May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!**

**All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.**

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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## EASTER MUSICIANS & MEDIA

### **Tech & Media Crew**

Jason Turner, audio/visual technician  
Paul Bruns, Joel Kesler, Ray Kowalczewski,  
& Nelson Townsend, tech & media crew

### **Praise Team**

Carrie DeVries, director, piano, & vocals  
Cal Sweeten – dulcimers & marimbala  
Stephen Wing – guitar & vocals  
Miles McDonald – electric guitar  
Christopher Callender – bass guitar  
Michelle Gailliez-Frye – vocals  
Donna Goeckler – vocals  
Jami Howe – vocals  
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