

April 4, 2021

**Easter Sunday** 

**Prelude** 

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Katie Miller 9 a.m. Rev. Dr. Scott Jones, 10:30m a.m.

# \*Greeting and Passing of the Peace

"The Peace of God be with you."

In Unison: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

\* Let us rise in body or spirit.

# Call to Worship

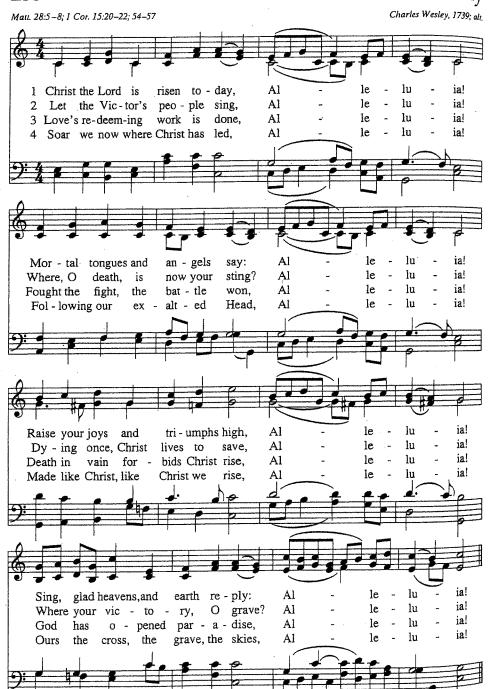
Rev. Katie Miller, 9 a.m. Rev. Jeannie Bates, 10:30 a.m.

Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!
Hope is alive!
Hope is alive, indeed!
God's love is eternal!
Hallelujah! Let us give thanks for what God has done.

\*Processional Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

# Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



#### \*Invocation

God of grace and power, we come rejoicing in Christ's empty tomb. We come trusting in the good news that tells us Christ is with us. For the Risen Christ is a living sign that you care about our lives, O God. The Risen Christ offers us glimpses of hope, even in our tears. The tomb is not quiet--it proclaims a promise of new and eternal life! Thank you, gracious God. Amen.

\*Gloria

Black Hymnal, No. 759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

#### Conversation with the Children

## **Gospel Lesson**

John 20:1-18

For the Word of God in scripture, For the Word of God within us, For the Word of God among us, Thanks be to God.

Sermon

I Have Seen the Lord

Rev. Dr. Scott Jones

### Musical Interlude

### \*Prayer of Confession

God of resurrection, help us in our pain and fear, so that we are not prone to fall into despair. Help us, instead, to rise up, like the Risen Christ, as a brave, glorified, and holy people. Empower us to live beyond our pain, despair, and fear. And with your steadfast love, encourage us to hope. This we pray, Amen.

### \*Words of Assurance

God hears our prayers with grace and mercy. God meets us in our human suffering, comforts our tears, and offers us new hope. Today, we are lifted up into new life and resurrection joy.

### **Prayers**

Pastoral Prayer 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.

# Offertory

Alleluia

# \*Hymn of Dedication

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*Offertory Prayer

God of love, we offer our gifts as a sign of our love for you and for the world. We ask a special blessing on these gifts so that all may come to experience your abiding love. We give these gifts as you have given them unto us--in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*Recessional Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

# The Day of Resurrection

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#### \*Benediction

**Benediction Response** 

Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

**Postlude** 

Toccata

Widor

#### **Open & Affirming Statement**

In our ongoing quest for hearts that open, minds that understand, and lives that serve, we welcome into our fellowship, membership, leadership, and employment, all people, regardless of abilities, race, gender, sexual orientation, or any God-given characteristic.

### **Announcements**

## April 4, 2021

**Prayers:** *Judy Blazek*, recovering from eye surgery; *Norma Nelson*, who had surgery on a broken arm, and is recovering at home.

Chancel decorations: thanks to Susan & Steve Dolezal, Johanna Blum Johanek, and Coco Phillips and family.

Happy Birthday this week: to *Grace Rath, Jenny Pfeifer, David Fortina, John Martinez, Susan Robinson, Emily Epperson, Mike Kratville, Kelly Beaman, Merle McAlevy,* and *Jake Sharpe*.

## Activities for the Coming Week, April 5 – April 10

Lectionary Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31.

Monday: Easter Monday. Office closed.

**Wednesday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. − 2 p.m.

Choir, 7 p.m., Zoom

**Thursday**: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Friday: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Saturday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

# Sunday, April 11

Worship: 10:30 a.m. on FaceBook Live, YouTube, or in person. Communion.

FirstKids: Memorial Hall following the Conversation with the Children. Masks required.

**Food Pantry:** Donations will be accepted at church. Checks may be mailed to FirstCentral with "pantry" in the memo line. Frozen meats are now being accepted (and are needed).

Education Ministry: 11:30 a.m., Zoom

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