



Jesus Christ is risen today,
ALLELUIA!

The Resurrection of the Lord

April 16, 2017

Order of Worship for 9:30 and 11:00 am

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You will always be welcome here. This is God's house and we are all God's beloved children. Please take these few minutes to take a deep breath, find your center where God's spirit dwells, and be present in community. The Peace of Christ to you. You are at home.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

INTROIT *The Strife is O'er*

Palestrina/Pott

CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 28:1-10)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: RESURRECTING THE ALLELUIAS (9:30)

* HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Jesus, in Easter you have brought us new life and new hope. We come to you in grateful prayer and joyful song, because Easter changes lives. We have been frightened people, but because you live, we have courage. We have been lonely people, but because you live, we can love ourselves, and others, in your name. We have been weak people, but because you live, together as your body we are strong to do God's work in the world. May we live our lives as you showed us how to live: giving and forgiving, bearing one another's burdens, and above all, trusting your promise of peace, abundant life, life everlasting.
Christ is risen, praise the Lord! Alleluia!

* SUNG RESPONSE

from Hymn 236

The image shows musical notation for a sung response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, starting with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3. The bass line consists of a series of chords: a G3-F#3 chord, an A3-G3 chord, a B3-A3 chord, a C4-B3 chord, a B3-A3 chord, an A3-G3 chord, a G3-F#3 chord, an F#3-E3 chord, an E3-D3 chord, a D3-C3 chord, a C3-B2 chord, a B2-A2 chord, an A2-G2 chord, a G2-F#2 chord, an F#2-E2 chord, an E2-D2 chord, a D2-C2 chord. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff.

* EASTER GREETING

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR MIND

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hymn 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me...melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

FIRST READING: Isaiah 12:2-6

ANTHEM *Easter Carol*

Philip Le Bas

SECOND READING: Romans 6:3-5

SERMON **Because He Lives**

Rev. Mary B. Speers

LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymnal p. 14

* HYMN (insert) *Because He Lives*

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS including One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Children bring their fish boxes to the front of the church for collection

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY 606 (alt.) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, you who in the Resurrection have given us everything: help us, we beseech you, with all our gifts to yield ourselves unto you; that we may truly live your abundant life, and in so living find our deepest joy, through Christ Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN 233 *The Day of Resurrection!*

* BENEDICTION

(9:30) CHORAL RESPONSE *O Sons and Daughters*

Henry Walford Davies

* (11:00) CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE

Alleluia! (reprise from above)

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH

* *please rise in body or in spirit; unison prayers are in bold.*

Large print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals and listening devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor
 - 9:30 Worship Service with the Rev. Mary Speers preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 3)
 - 9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade); Middle School Program (7th-8th Grade)
 - 11:00 Children's Choir in the Choir Room
 - 11:00 Adult Education Class in the Parlor
 - 11:00 Nominating Committee meeting in the upper Preschool Room
 - 1:00 to 9:00 Music Lessons in the lower Preschool Room
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