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April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:30am



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GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs – "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" and "My Redeemer Lives"



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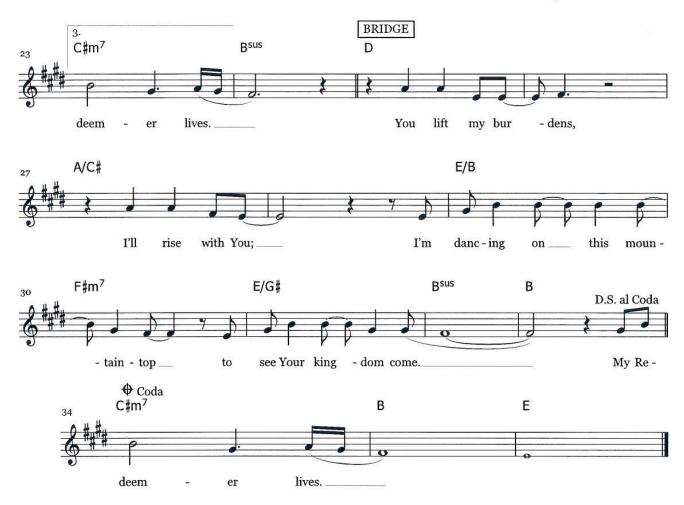
My Redeemer Lives

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan



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Call To Worship

Pastor: It is unbelievable! The tomb is empty!

ALL: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Pastor: Our hope has come, the wall we built of our stumbling blocks has been transformed.

ALL: Our walls of separation have been transformed into the table: the table where all are welcome. The table of God's mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Our hope has been rebuilt. Jesus is risen, alleluia!

ALL: Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome, Worship 101, Connection Cards, Alleluia Ribbons

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of miracles, Your victory over death leaves us amazed and afraid. Work out your miracles in us each day, revealing yourself to be right there with us, wherever we are. Amen.

Meet Someone New

Tell someone about a memorable Easter Sunday, Easter outfit, or Easter egg hunt.

Bridge and Chorus of "My Redeemer Lives" to bring people back together.

Children's Time Rebuilding Hope

The word HOPE is spelled out with Legos and the individual letters are spread out, hidden. Kids will help find the letters and then put them in the right order.

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence for confession

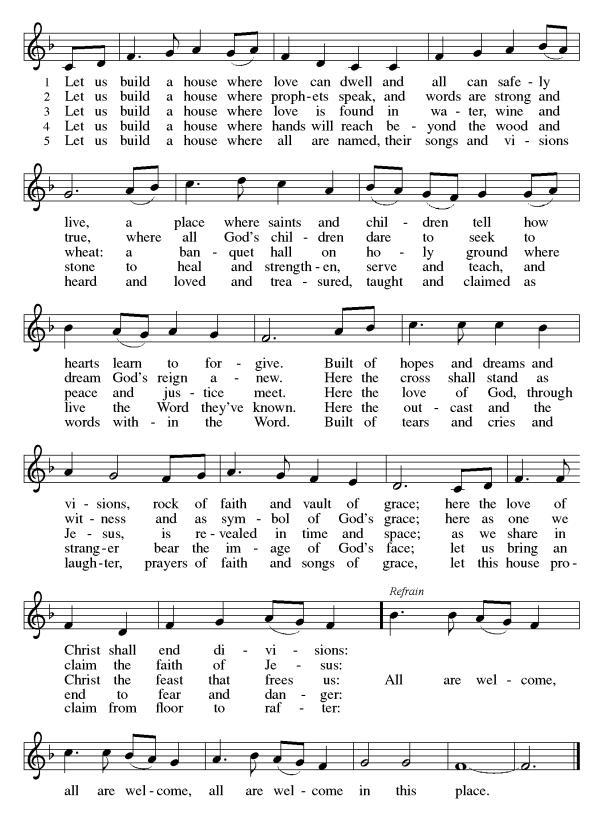
Transforming God,

we confess that we are turned in on ourselves and cannot save ourselves, no matter how hard we try. We have sinned against you in the things we think and don't speak, in the words we regret or delight in saying, and in the way we live our lives. We have built walls to separate us from others. We have not loved you with our whole heart because of the walls we build around them, to protect ourselves, not realizing we hurt you in the process. We wall off others to keep ourselves safe. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. We are sorry. Please forgive us, make us new and ready to praise your name. Amen.

Hear this Good News:

God never tires in forgiving us, always rebuilding hope in the name of Jesus Christ. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to transform our lives. God does not leave you the way that God found you. Your stumbling blocks are turned into bridges. Your stony heart is turned to flesh. The walls of your heart have been broken down. You are forgiven. You are loved. In the name of the risen Christ, rejoice in this good news! **Amen! Alleluia!**

All Are Welcome



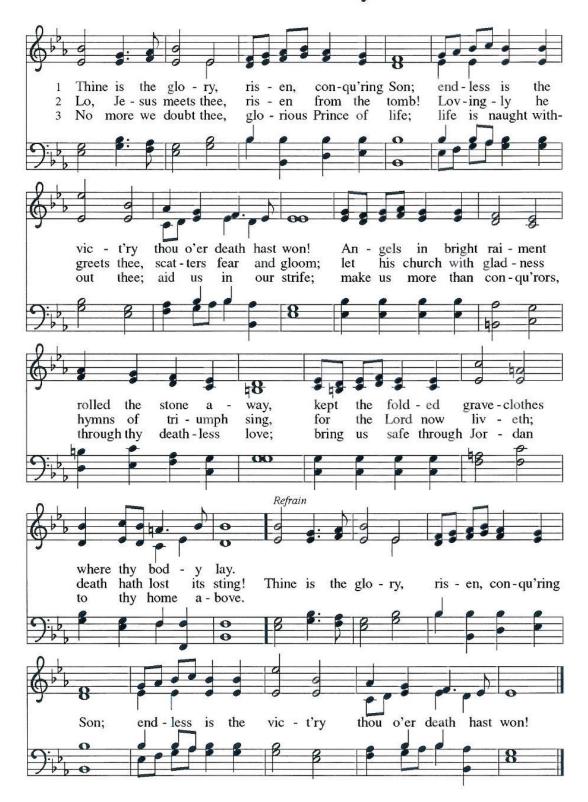
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. And also with you.

Thine Is the Glory



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

THE STORY

Our story and God's story continues today, on this Easter Sunday, with a reading from Luke 24:1-12



Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Music: Caribbean traditional

Lego Video plays followed by congregational reading

Narrator: But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,

ALL: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

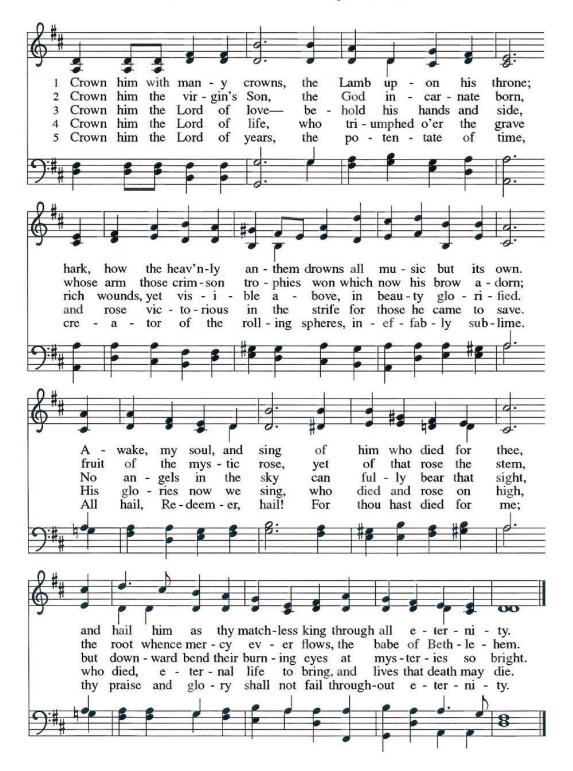
Narrator: Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story. (Sing *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* again)

Sermon

Song "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him with Many Crowns



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Prayers of the People

Prayer petitions will end with, "Lord, in your mercy" and the congregation's response is "hear our prayer."

Offering

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Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt. Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, they make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

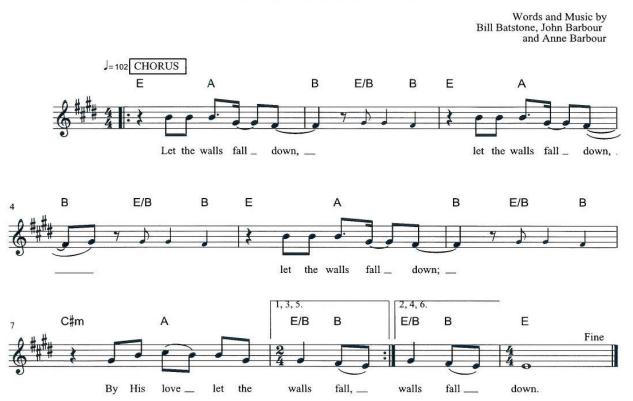
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving The Lord is with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Risen Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

SING: Let the Walls Fall Down

Let The Walls Fall Down



After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

SING: Let the Walls Fall Down

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen! **Amen!** Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen! **Amen!** Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, and the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.

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. 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 and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

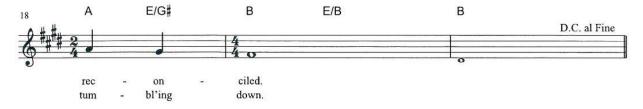
You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs/Hymns "Let The Walls Fall Down", "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound" and "Christ Arose"

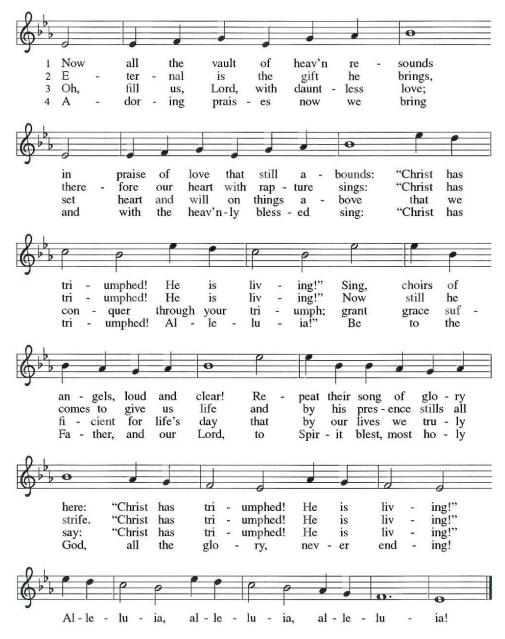


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Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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Christ Arose

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THE SENDING

Blessing after Communion

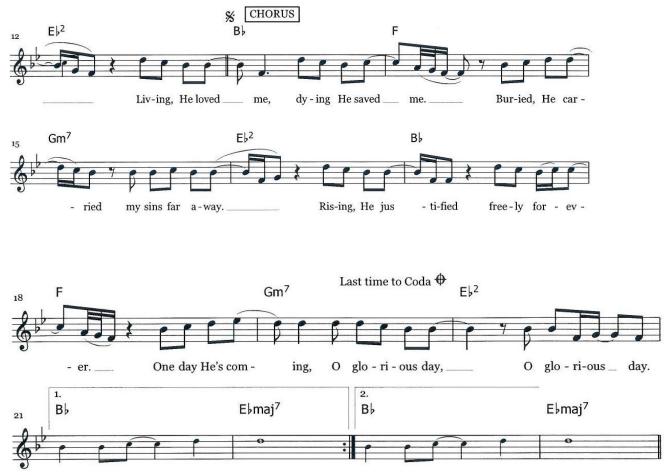
May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessing

God bless you and keep you, God smile on you and gift you, God look you full in the face and make you prosper. Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

MILESTONES!



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Sending Song "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (Kids parade with Alleluia Ribbons and/or rhythm instruments)



Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Go in peace – serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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