



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24th, 2020
Sunday Virtual Worship at 10:30am



- Get communion things ready
- Get bulletin/kids bulletin/river source
- Use comment section to interact

Gathering

Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen Indeed (3x)

Gathering Song – I Am The Resurrection & To Be Alive

I Am The Resurrection

Words and Music by
Ray Repp

$\text{♩} = 92$

CHORUS

A Em A Em

I am the res - ur - rec - tion and the life;

5 C D C A

He who be - lieves in Me will nev - er — die. I am the

10 Em A Em C

res - ur - rec - tion and the life; He who be -

14 Last time to Coda ⌘ D C A G

-lieves in Me will live a new life.

- ## VERSE
1. I have come to
 2. In My word all
 3. Keep in mind the

19 D A G D

bring — the — truth; I have come — to bring — you —
men will come to know; It is love — which makes the spir - it
things that I have said; Re - mem - ber Me in the break - ing of the

TO BE ALIVE

Larry Olson
David Lee Brown

♩ = 118

G C D

To be a - live is to live the love that is a -

optional bass line

G C D G C

live in God's sav - ing Son who brought us back from a life

D G C D 3rd time to Coda

of death to be a - live!

3rd time to Coda

C G D C G C

There is noth- ing I can do to save me. On - ly God car -
 Join the sing- ing, join the cel - e - bra - tion. Jes - us lives, we

D C G D

ries us home. So we live mer - cy, hope, and free - dom,
 are re - stored. Love a - live, giv - ing and for- giv - ing,

C G F Dsus4 D ⊕G Fine

lov - ing a - noth - er to be whole. To be a
 lov - ing a - noth - er to be whole.

Let me know the names of the kids worshipping...

Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, RiverSource and Keyboards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Jesus, our teacher, **you saw the image of God in all those you met along the lake side, in the vineyards, and on the road. Give us eyes to see your face in all the people we meet. Equip us to meet them right where they are at in their journey. Amen**

Meet Someone New

In this time of social isolation and quarantine we continue to need to have social contact.

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of God the eternal Creator – Jesus Christ, God’s only Son and the Holy Spirit – who is with you always... **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

We are God’s people, sheep of the Spirit’s fold, lambs of Christ’s flock, sinners of God’s redeeming. **Amen.**

Let us come together in a time of confession before God, who already knows our hearts and welcomes our humility.

Silence for reflection.

Loving God,

Our thoughts, our words, and our deeds are an open book to you. You have seen where we fall short. You know where we have strayed as individuals and as your church. In your mercy, forgive us and guide us into right ways of being – Ways of welcome, paths of mercy, habits of grace – so that we may live renewed in the joy of our salvation, prepared, equipped, and ready to meet Christ in our neighbors and in your creation.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God’s ways are not our ways and God’s thoughts are not our thoughts. Before we were made, God brought creation out of nothing and peace out of chaos. In this same love, God unyokes you from sin and binds you to a new life and new living in Jesus Christ. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the kingdom of God! **Amen!**

Prayer of the Day

O Christ, **you have indeed, been raised from the dead. Therefore, let us live as though death no longer holds us hostage, putting our hope in the one who goes before us, both in death and eternal life, our Savior, Christ, amen.**

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

Reader 1: Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of 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.

Reader 2: 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 have come to believe.

Reader 1: Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Reader 2: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader 1: Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

Reader 2: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

Reader 1: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God’s story.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn – My Lord, What a Morning

My Lord, What a Morning

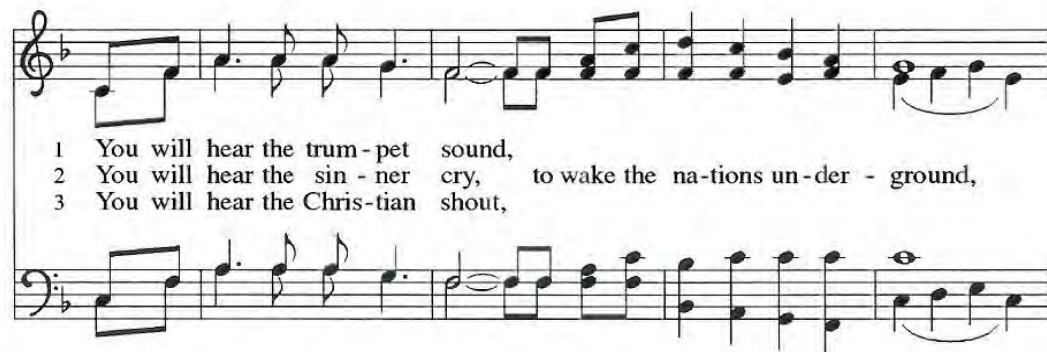
Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,




my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

Offering

Worship Leader: *We are grateful for your financial gifts; it's the only way churches are churches. Set up automatic giving by going to our website, riverofhopehutchinson.org and follow the directions to "give online".*

Prayers of the People

As we continue to focus on Love Without Limits, let us focus our prayers on these three areas:

The people I struggle to love...

Where do I need love, and where do others need love...

Who taught me to love... and then will be prayed out loud, anonymously.

Reader: Hear us O God,

All: Your mercy is great.

THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, 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.

Invitation to Communion

This table is open for all to receive the grace, mercy and love that comes to us in this bread and wine:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed in the gift of our baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

As we gather together by the power of the Holy Spirit, we remember, that 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."

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."

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.

Forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

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 – I Am the Bread of Life

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 lieve . . . in . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

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Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, **God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may demonstrate your transforming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

MILESTONES!

Final Blessing

May the God of love fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Sending Song – When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Words and Music by
James Milton Black

VERSE



1. When the trum - pet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more, and the
2. On that bright and cloud - less morn - ing when the dead in Christ shall rise, and the
3. Let us la - bor for the Mas - ter from the dawn till set - ting sun, let us



morn - ing breaks e - ter - nal, bright and fair— When the saved of earth shall gath - er o - ver
glo - ry of His res - ur - rec - tion share— When His cho - sen ones shall gath - er to their
talk of all His won - drous love and care; Then when all of life is o - ver and our



on the oth - er shore, and the roll is called up yon - der— I'll be there! When the
home be - yond the skies, and the roll is called up yon - der— I'll be there!
work on earth is done, and the roll is called up yon - der— I'll be there!

CHORUS



roll _____ is called up yon - der, when the roll _____ is called up yon - der, when the



roll _____ is called up yon - der— When the roll is called up yon - der I'll be there!

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Go in peace – Jesus is with you! **Thanks be to God**

Music to Send you out

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