



## Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Resurrection of the Lord

April 17, 2022

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

*God of Resurrection,  
we are witnesses to our promise of new life.  
WE recall that your steadfast love endures forever.  
Help us to be agents of your courageous love,  
living in hope, trusting with faith,  
acting from your vision  
of wholeness of life for all. Amen*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      The Day of Resurrection!

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is not like any other day.

**Today we slow down.**

**Today we take it all in.**

**Today we rest in good news.**

This day is not like any other day.

**Today we are singing.**

**Today we are full to the brim.**

**Today joy cannot be contained.**

This day is not like any other day.

**Today the stone was rolled away.**

**Today the women saw the empty grave.**

**Today we know—death does not win.**

This day is not like any other day.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Hymnal, No. 232

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

So please join me in the prayer of confession, because God is always listening and God's grace is always full to the brim.

**God of new life,**

**we are a mixed bag.**

**We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy,  
but often we overflow with comparison and doubt.**

**We want to embody the resurrection,  
but often we'd rather stay the same than to begin again.**

**We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter morn-  
ing—**

**to run and speak truth,**

**but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices.**

**Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged.**

**Break into our hearts.**

**Overflow here.**

**With hope we pray, amen.**

(Time of silent reflection)

Family of faith,

if there is life after death,

then you can be certain—

there is life after mess.

There is life after mistakes.

There is life after doubt.

There is new life freely given,

and that life is for you.

You are forgiven, loved, and claimed.

May we live full to the brim in response.

**Thanks be to God, and let it be so.**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Mike Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

Page No. 895

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

**I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

Page No. 860

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

An Expansive Life

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Expansive Life

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who can astound us—

**a God who created the mountains of Colorado,  
the stars on a summer night, and the green of Ireland.**

We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us—

**an example of love for those on the fringes,  
healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.**

We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends,  
wounded, mocked, and killed by the state.

**And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life began again—  
the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.**

Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit has been inviting us into an expansive  
life—

**a life not measured by wealth or accolades, but a life full to the brim with  
joy, overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope, and decorated with  
good news.**

Death has lost its sting.

**We believe, and are set free. Thanks be to God, amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer  
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Risen Christ

\*DOXOLOGY

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymnal, No. 14, verse 1

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love with from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Christ Is Alive!

Hymnal, No. 246

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org).

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for April 24: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **April is cereal**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Much of our liturgy and images used during Lent and Easter are from **A Sanctified Art LLC. [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)**

**Fellowship and Hospitality Needs Help.**

We need members. This group was originally created to help take some responsibilities off of the Deacons plate. In the past, this group has helped with coffee hour and pot-luck meals. With several members, these wonderful opportunities for fellowship are less daunting.

If you are interested in helping in any way, contact Trudy Beard.

# 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
 un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



# Expansive Life

## LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8.8.4.4.8.8 with refrain

Text: Anna Strickland (2021) Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng (1623), arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

Though  
Where  
Now

it seemed foo - lish to have  
Je - sus lay, an - gels in -  
God has op - ened up the

faith  
stead  
tomb

Back  
Asked  
Like

to the gar - den wom - en  
why they look am - ong the  
bud - ding flo - wer now in

came  
dead  
bloom

Al - le  
Al - le  
Al - le

lu - ia!  
lu - ia!  
lu - ia!

Al - le  
Christ is  
Christ is

- lu - ia!  
ri - sen!  
ri - sen!

They  
Re -  
Christ

came al - though their hearts were  
mem - ber and trust in his  
lives ag - ain who once had

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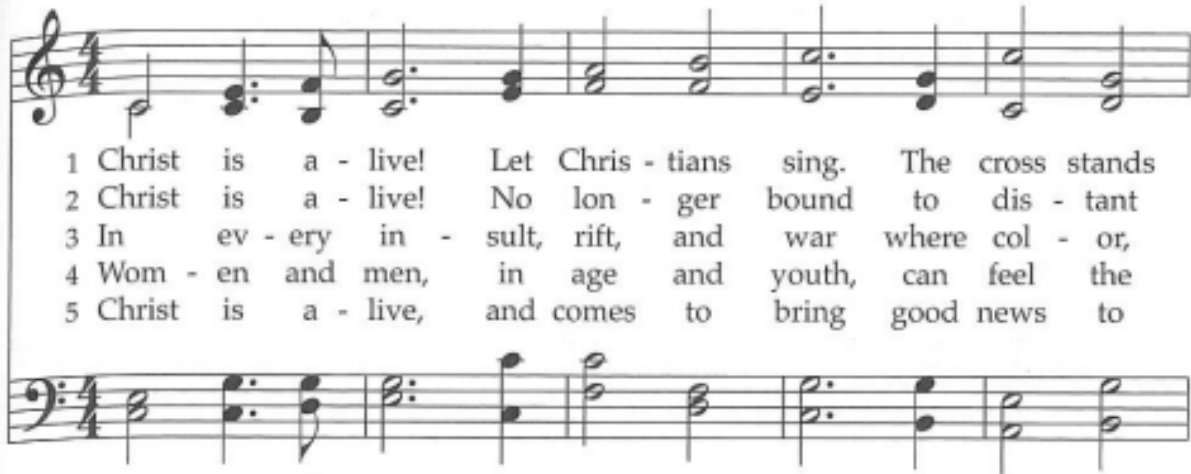
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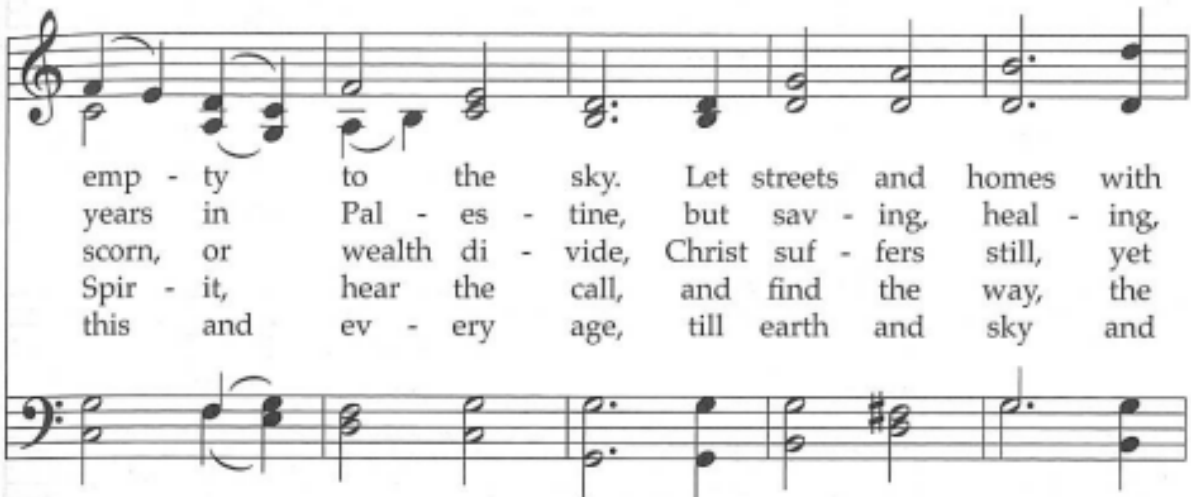


# Christ Is Alive!

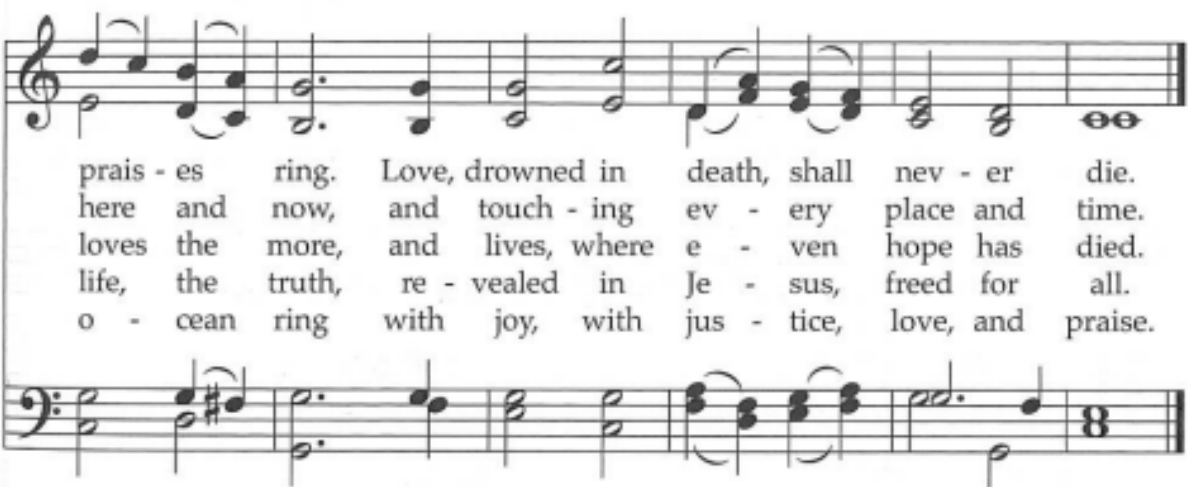
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.