

**Order for the Worship of God**  
**April 19, 2020**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: We gather to worship as God's dearly beloved children.

**People: By God's grace that is who we are!**

Leader: Let us love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength,

**People: and let us love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**All: In faith and with joy, let us praise and worship God who first loved us!**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

Dale Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #246  
(*stanzas 1,2,4*)

"Christ Is Alive"

TRURO

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

**Loving and faithful God, you made the hearts of the discouraged disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus. We confess that like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. Forgive us when we are easily discouraged, and given to despair. Forgive us that, although we claim to live by resurrection faith, we so often appear to believe that death is the end. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit empower us to live obedient lives that make a difference for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

"Risen"

Shawna Edwards

Stephanie Carson, Soloist

*When darkness veiled the sky the day that Jesus died  
in agony upon the bitter cross,  
they took His body down and laid it in a tomb.*

*His friends believed that ev'rything was lost.  
But when the third day came the darkness turned to light,  
for Mary heard her name and saw the living Christ.*

*Risen to set the captives free, risen to ransom you and me.  
To bind up ev'ry broken heart, to conquer death and sin.  
Risen to bring us home again.*

*And in that barren place the world forever changed  
for hope was born when Jesus rose that day.  
And still His wounded hands reveal the love  
He has for ev'ry fallen soul He came to save.  
And He will come again and one by one we'll rise to praise  
His holy name and see the living Christ.*

*Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He is risen to set the captives free!  
Oh, He is risen to ransom you and me,  
to bind up ev'ry broken heart, to conquer death and sin.  
Risen to bring us home again. Risen.*

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#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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; 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.**

#### CALL TO OFFERING

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #187  
(stanzas 1,2)

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.**

**We are yours: in love befriend us: be the guardian of our way.  
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.**

#### WE GROW IN THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:15-19 (NIV)

#### SERMON

“A Grace-Filled Question and Our Response”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

#### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #234  
(stanzas 1,3,4)

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ST. KEVIN

**Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,**

**loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with un-moistened foot through the Red Sea waters.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!**

**Neither could the gates of death, nor the tombs dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:  
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing  
your deep peace, with ever more passes human knowing.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Intrada Festiva”

Dale Wood

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director