Order for the Public Worship of God April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday 11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"This Joyful Eastertide"

*EASTER GREETING (Responsive)

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

"Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

(stanzas 1,4,5)

*HYMN #246

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.

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.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #236 (refrain, stanza 1, refrain) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

> The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Michael Burkhardt

VICTORY

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 (The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.)

*HYMN #248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

LENTEN SERIES

From Dust to Promise: Refreshing Our Hearts Sermon #7 "The Resurrection of Jesus" Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

EASTER HYMN arr. Hal H. Hopson

Handbells: Stephanie Carson and Ginny Zimmer Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle done, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

arr. Joel Raney

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

HYMN TO JOY

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

And he shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Exultate"

Daniel Gawthrop

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

Quartet: Melanie Brown, Dick Casper, Rachelle Cox, Bill Martin



These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt. MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH



The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

TEXT: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, alt. MUSIC: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. ELLACOMBE 7.6.7.6.D