

CONFESSION OF SIN

**We serve a risen Savior, yet live as if in chains.
 We serve as people risen to new life, yet long for things to remain the same.
 We believe we should serve and love our neighbors,
 yet turn away from those in need.
 In Christ, we are forgiven, yet we withhold forgiveness from a brother or sister.**
*Forgive us, O God, that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life.
 Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action
 the truth that you loved us through the glorious mystery of the Cross.
 Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us
 from achieving our full potential.
 Draw us close.*
**Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ,
 open our hearts to the wonder of the cross
 and open our hands to serve and love all,
 that your name might be glorified through our lives.**

SILENT PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

No. 572

LITANY OF FORGIVENESS

*God of resurrection,
 of life and death
 and rebirth,
 Renew our hearts and minds*
*God of promise,
 of all beginnings
 and all endings,
 Renew our hearts and minds*
*God of hope,
 of new growth
 and harvest,
 Renew our hearts and minds*
*In the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven
 Thanks be to God. Amen*

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Tune: Easter Hymn

**Hymns of praise now let us sing; Al-le-lu-ia!
 Unto Christ our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Isaiah 25:6-9	(OT pg. 613)
ANTHEM	<i>I Know that My Redeemer Lives</i>	Austin Lovelace
GOSPEL LESSON	John 20:1-16	(NT pg. 108)
SERMON	The Least Push of Joy	Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

***LITANY OF ALLELUIAS**

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 Christ is risen indeed!
 In Christ's resurrection, hope triumphs over despair.
 Alleluia to the Living Christ!
 Good triumphs over evil.
 Alleluia to the Living Christ!
 Belief triumphs over doubt.
 Alleluia to the Living Christ!
 Joy knocks us off our feet.
 Alleluia to the Living Christ!
 Life triumphs over death.
 Alleluia to the Living Christ!
 Glory and honor and praise to Christ who lives and reigns among us!
 Alleluia to the Living Christ! Amen!*

***HYMN**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

No. 111

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal pg. 16)

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Christ Is Risen

J. S. Bach

Christ is risen, risen from the dead!
Blessing, honor, power, and might
be to our God and to the Lamb!

*DOXOLOGY

No. 591

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

A SERVICE FOR RENEWAL OF BAPTISM
THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal and gracious God . . . be all glory and honor now and forever. Amen.

By these waters, we share in Christ's saving death.

Reborn, we share with Christ an Easter life.

Restored and forgiven, let all creation sing:

*HYMN

Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll

*INVITATION TO RENEW OUR BAPTISM

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

*HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

No. 122

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude & Fugue in G Major

J. S. Bach



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

A POEM FOR REFLECTION

*I can wade Grief—
Whole Pools of it—
I'm used to that—
But the least push
of Joy
Breaks up my feet—
And I tip—
drunken—
Let no Pebble —
smile—
'Twas the New
Liquor—
That was all!*

Excerpt from
"I can wade Grief"
by Emily Dickinson

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Le Vive le Roy* André Raison

CHORAL INTROIT *He Is Risen* Michael Jothen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The tomb is empty!
Christ is risen!
The soldiers have returned home.
Christ is risen!
The anger of the crowds is gone.
Christ is risen!
The time of grieving has ended.
Christ is risen!
Violence, fear, and death have disappeared!
Christ is risen!
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* HS No. 18

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.
Please turn off cell phones during the service.