

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023



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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Variations on a Theme of Cabezon

Manuel Ponce

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

Christ is risen indeed!

Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.

Christ is risen indeed!

Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Christ is risen indeed!

◆ Hymn HS 20

He Is Risen, He Is Risen

UNSER HERRSCHER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,

We confess we are afraid.

When we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us find our voice.

When we are afraid to forgive and love again, forgive us and empower us to forgive.

When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.

**When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades,
open our hearts and give us peace.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal 576

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, so be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response

GTG 232

Hymns of praise now let us sing: Alleluia!

Unto Christ our heavenly king: Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave: Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!

God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

Anthem

The Lord Is Risen

Thomas Morley

Alleluia. The Lord is risen from the tomb.

Alleluia. Who for our sakes was hung upon the tree. Alleluia.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 16

OT p. 469

Ellen Hench

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

NT p. 108

Sermon

Lynne Clements

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we received,

in which we stand,

and by which we are saved,

if we hold it fast:

that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

that he was buried and was raised on the third day;

and that he appeared to the women, then to Peter, and to the disciples,

and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ,

the Son of the living God.

Jesus Christ is the first and the last,

the beginning and the end;

he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9;

Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

◆ Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

Prayers of the Congregation and 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.**

Offertory *Peace I Leave with You* Amy Beach
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.
Not as the world giveth give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering HS 81
**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor to God's name.**

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication
**Risen and redeeming God, you have given us more than we could ever give you in return.
You are gracious and generous in your love. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude
and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved and may we serve as
Christ served. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

- ◆ Hymn 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

- ◆ Passing of the Peace
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Postlude *O Filii* Jeanne Demessieux

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given by the Session of Westminster in memory of Mary Royster White,
whose generosity provided this sanctuary and two endowment funds.
Mrs. White's birthday was April 17, 1885; she died July 5, 1973.*

What's Happening at Westminster

Sunday, April 16

9:30 a.m. Church school
 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion
 Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge
 1:30 p.m. Session Meeting via Zoom

Monday, April 17

1 p.m. The Courage to Grieve Series in Room 208
 6 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

Wednesday, April 19

6 p.m. Mission Study Team Presentation to the Congregation in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 20

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Saturday, April 22

10 a.m. Westminster Walkers at Van Clief Natural Area Park in Scottsville

Sunday, April 23

University Sunday, Food Drive Collection in Memory of Barbara Deaver begins
 9:30 a.m. Mission Study Team Presentation to the Congregation in the Fellowship Hall
 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
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 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

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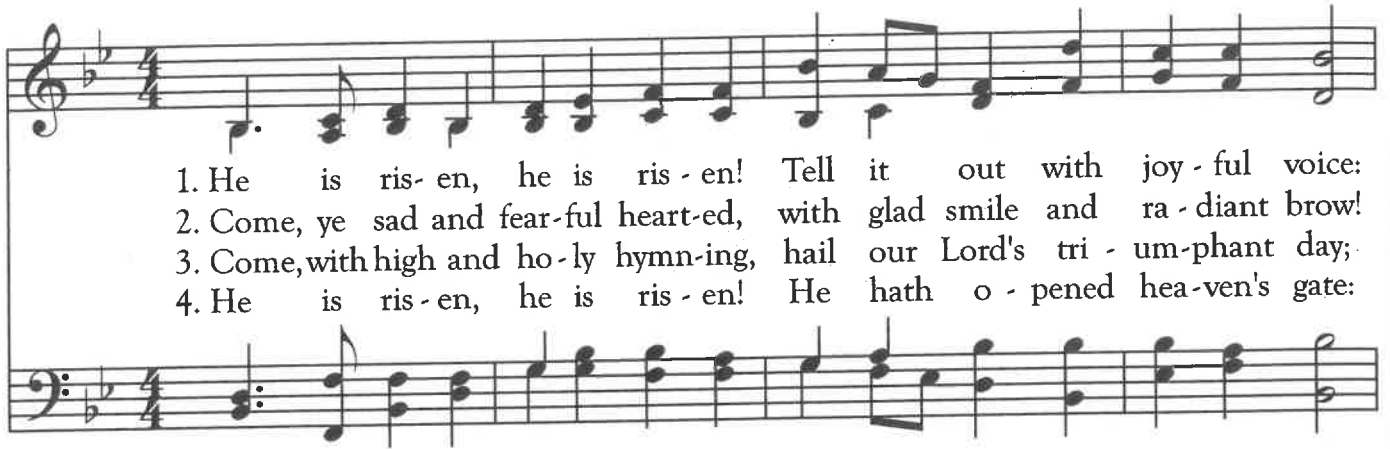


He Is Risen, He Is Risen

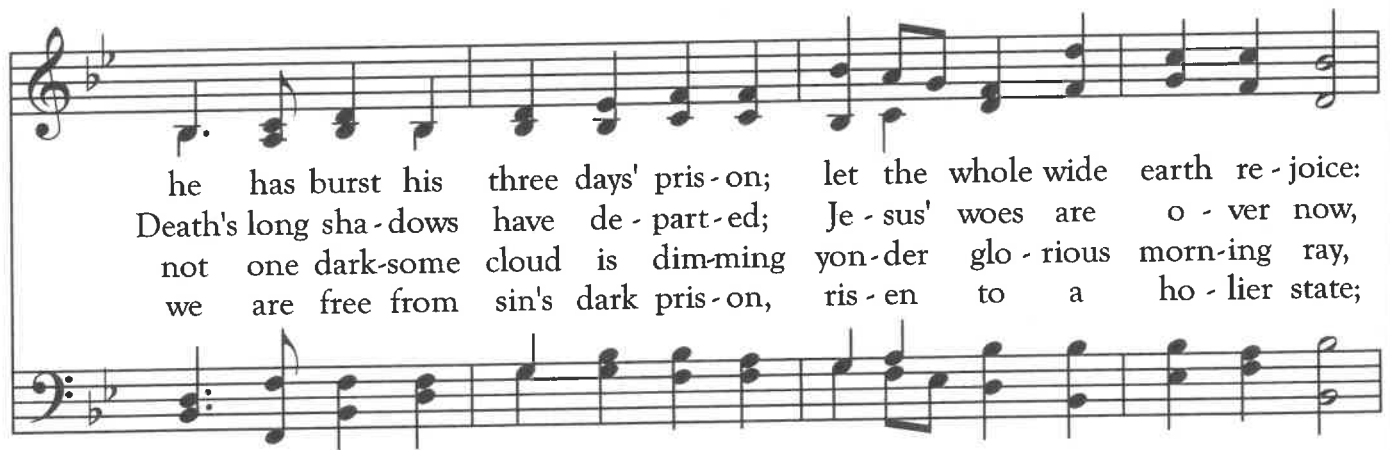
Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

UNSER HERRSCHER, 8.7.8.7.7.7

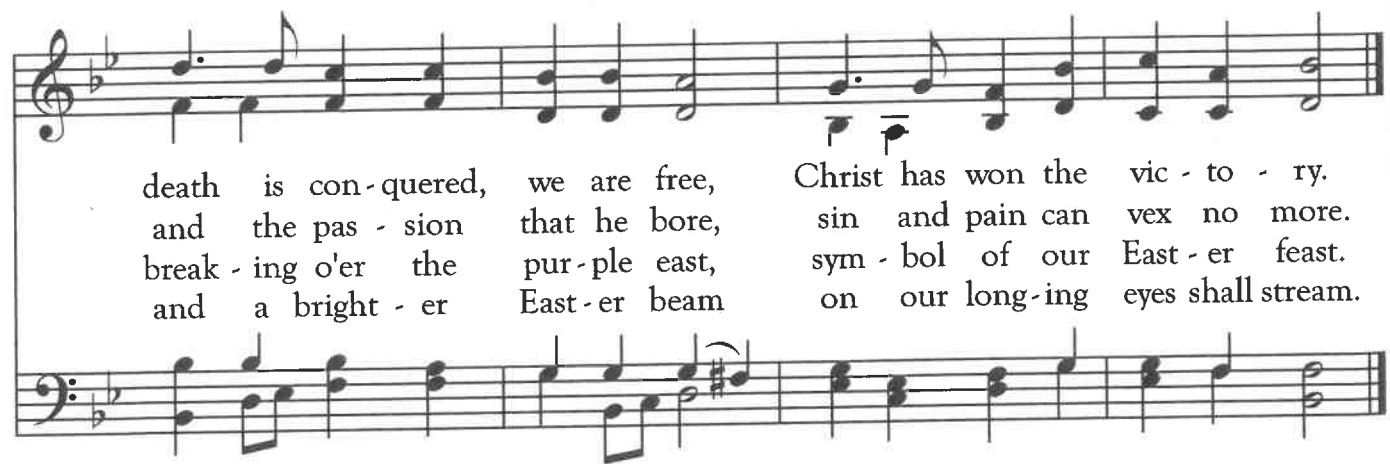
Joachim Neander, 1680



1. He is ris-en, he is ris-en! Tell it out with joy-ful voice:
 2. Come, ye sad and fear-ful heart-ed, with glad smile and ra-diant brow!
 3. Come, with high and ho-ly hymn-ing, hail our Lord's tri-um-phiant day;
 4. He is ris-en, he is ris-en! He hath o-pened hea-ven's gate:

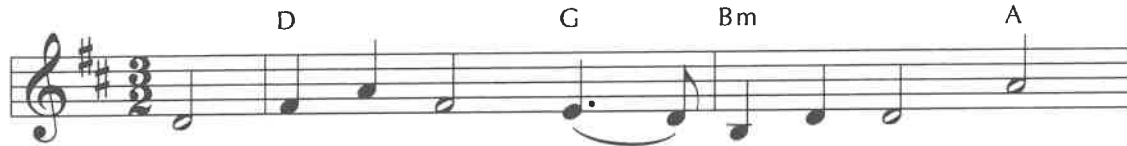


he has burst his three days' pris-on; let the whole wide earth re-joice:
 Death's long sha-dows have de-part-ed; Je-sus' woes are o-ver now,
 not one dark-some cloud is dim-ming yon-der glo-rious morn-ing ray,
 we are free from sin's dark pris-on, ris-en to a ho-lier state;

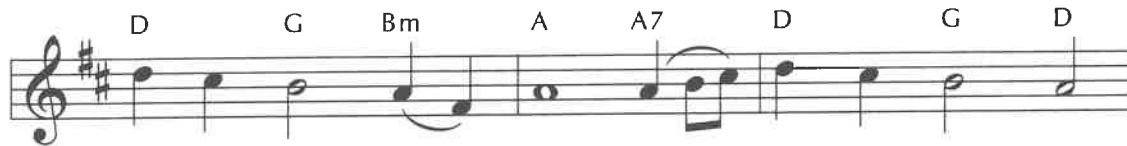


death is con-quer-ed, we are free, Christ has won the vic-to-ry.
 and the pas-sion that he bore, sin and pain can vex no more.
 break-ing o'er the pur-ple east, sym-bol of our East-er feast.
 and a bright-er East-er beam on our long-ing eyes shall stream.

817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

Fine

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

to Refrain

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.