



# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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# *Easter* *Sunrise Service*

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## **7:00 a.m.**

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#### **Prelude**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Memory Bells  
Arranged by Jason Krug

#### **Greeting**

#### **Proclamation of Faith In the Resurrection**

Leader: In spite of our sins and destructive nature, our rejection of God:

**People: He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Leader: In spite of our focus on ourselves and a self-centered nature:

**People: He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Leader: In the midst of our need for healing and new growth and life

**People: He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Leader: In the midst of our need to overcome our fears and live courageously:

**People: He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Leader: In the midst of our need for real love, truthful, faithful friendship:

**People: He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Leader: In the midst of our need to grow in the ways we mature and share grace together in fellowship

**People: He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Leader: The Lord our God can take a crucifixion, and turn it into a resurrection!

**People: Let him have every part of our lives now too! Rise among us Lord!  
He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

#### **Opening Hymn**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

UMH No. 302  
(Verses 1-4), Page 4

#### **Prayer**

**God of creation and all of life, we are grateful for your generous heart, especially during this spring time of healing and recovery. We welcome your light and eternal life into our hearts this morning, seeking your presence and assurance. Bring your resurrection power into every part of our lives. Help us to overcome the fears we may have, so that we would live in the courage and wisdom that only you can provide. Where we may feel like unlikely witnesses, for the mystery of your grace often overwhelms us, may we see and respond to the unique ways we can share freely the promises the Gospel and your Covenant provide. Dear Lord, you have entrusted us with creation’s greatest gift that is above all others, your personal love for us all. Help us to live it fully, and share it freely, always, In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**The Resurrection of Jesus**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

**Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Meditation**                      “Unlikely Witnesses, the Strongest Testimonies”                      Pastor Tim

**Hymn**                                      “Up From the Grave He Arose”                      UMH No. 322  
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**Sacrament of Communion**

**Closing Hymn**                                      “He Lives!”                      UMH. No. 310, Page 7

**Benediction**

***Special thanks to our musicians this morning— Debbie Schneider,  
Jake Schneider and Dick Stuhrke***

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EASTER DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty (*almighty God*), creator of heaven and  
earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath  
of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained  
steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our  
sovereign God,  
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,  
and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of  
heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the  
highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the  
Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son  
from the dead  
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,  
and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous  
light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us  
always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.  
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took  
bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to  
his disciples, and said:  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new  
covenant, poured out for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

On the day you raised him from the dead  
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of  
the bread,  
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has  
continued in the breaking of the bread and the  
sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in  
Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's  
offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come  
again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.

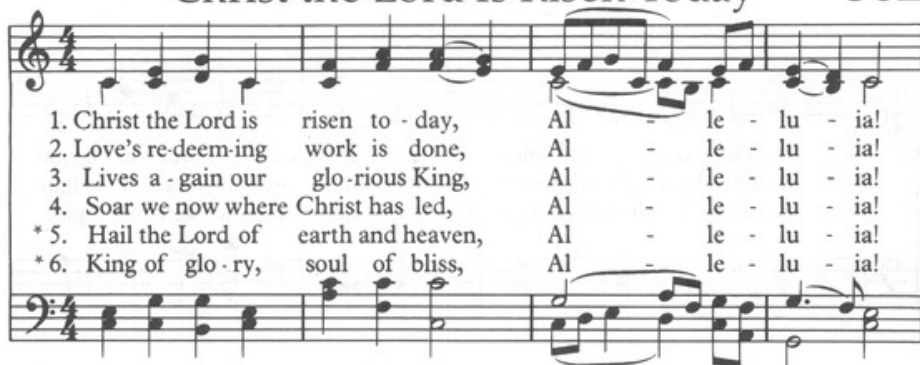
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the  
world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his  
heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in  
your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (*God*), now  
and for ever.

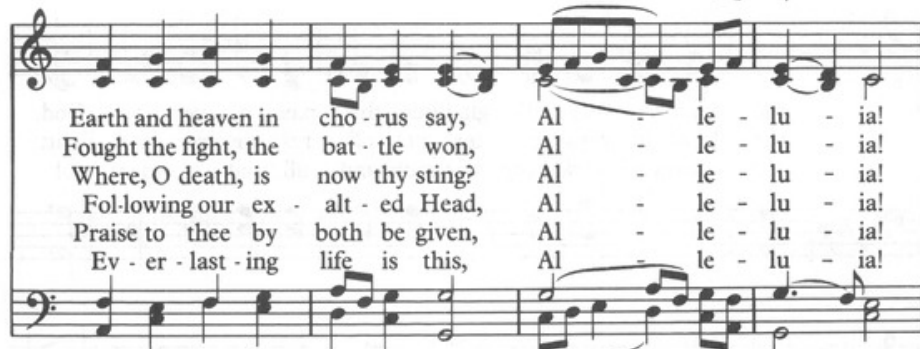
**Amen.**

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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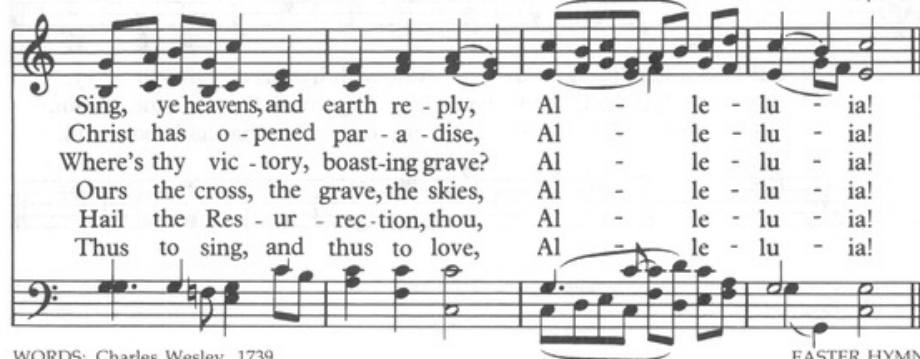
1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!



Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739  
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN  
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## Up from the Grave He Arose

C F/C F/C C G<sup>7</sup> F/C C

1. Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,  
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;  
 3. Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;

5 F C/E C Am/C G/D D<sup>7</sup> G

wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord!  
 vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord!  
 he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord!

*Refrain*

9 C C C F

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his  
 (he a-rose)

12 C G<sup>7</sup> Am F C

foes; he a-rose a vic-tor from the dark domain, and he  
(o'er his foes)

15 F D<sup>7</sup> G Am G<sup>7</sup> C

lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He arose! He a-  
(he arose)

18 F C/G G<sup>7</sup> C

rose! (he a-rose) Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in C major. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system (measures 12-14) features a C major chord, a G7 chord, and a C major chord. The second system (measures 15-17) features an F major chord, a D7 chord, a G major chord, an Am chord, a G7 chord, and a C major chord. The third system (measures 18-20) features an F major chord, a C/G chord, a G7 chord, and a C major chord. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, and the piano part is written in the bass staff.

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;  
 2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,  
 3. Re - joice, re-joyce, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say,  
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.  
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;  
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.  
 the day of his ap - pear-ing will come at last.  
 none oth - er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

WORDS: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

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*Refrain*

He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Je - sus lives to - day!

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar-row way.

He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) sal - va - tion to im - part!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.