



# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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*Christ is  
risen!*

*Easter Sunrise Service*  
*April 9, 2023*

# Easter Sunrise Service

## 6:30 a.m.

### April 9, 2023

#### Greeting

Pastor Tim

#### Call to Worship (Based on the Hymn, Easter People)

Pastor Tim

Leader: Easter People raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring! Christ has brought us heaven's choices;

**People: Heavenly music, let it ring! Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing!**

Leader: Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below!

**People: For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe! Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go!**

Leader: *Every* day to us is Easter! With its resurrection song! When in trouble, move the faster,

**People: To our God who rights the wrong! Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs!**

#### Opening Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

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(Verses 1,2,4), Page 4

#### Gospel

*John 20:1-18 (The Message)*

Karen Hruz

#### Resurrection!

**20** <sup>1-2</sup> Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, gasping for breath.

"They took the Master from the tomb. We don't know where they've put him."

<sup>3-10</sup> Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

<sup>11-13</sup> But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus' body had been laid. They said to her, "Woman, why do you weep?"

<sup>13-14</sup> "They took my Master," she said, "and I don't know where they put him." After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't recognize him.

<sup>15</sup> Jesus spoke to her, "Woman, why do you weep? Who are you looking for?" She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, "Sir, if you took him, tell me where you put him so I can care for him." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said, "Mary." Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, "*Rabboni!*" meaning "Teacher!"

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Don't cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: "I saw the Master!" And she told them everything he said to her.

**Today Lord, we come with joy to seek You anew, ready to meet You as we are assured that we are forgiven, loved, and free. Every day, keep us on the edge, anticipating what You might do, where You might lead us. We come in awe and wonder, of this life you have entrusted to us, knowing there is so much more to creation than what we can hold, control, or know. On this and every day, it is often overwhelming for us to consider how you laid down your life for us. Perhaps one of the hardest things is to believe You could love us so. So lead us deeply into your community of love. End the divisiveness that leads to competition, jealousy, and hatred, and lead us to great appreciation for the diversity of experiences and expression of heart and mind we can share together with You. May we feel Your presence, always near, and in such a friendship be better known. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture***Colossians 3:1-11 (The Message)*

Pastor Tim

**He Is Your Life**

**3** <sup>1-2</sup> So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, *act* like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from *his* perspective. <sup>3-4</sup> Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your *real* life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. *He* is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

<sup>5-8</sup> And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God. It's because of this kind of thing that God is about to explode in anger. It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

<sup>9-11</sup> Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

**Meditation**

"Faithful Hearts Witness Life"

Pastor Tim

**Hymn**

"Up From the Grave He Arose!"

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**Pastoral Prayer**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Closing Hymn**

"He Lives!"

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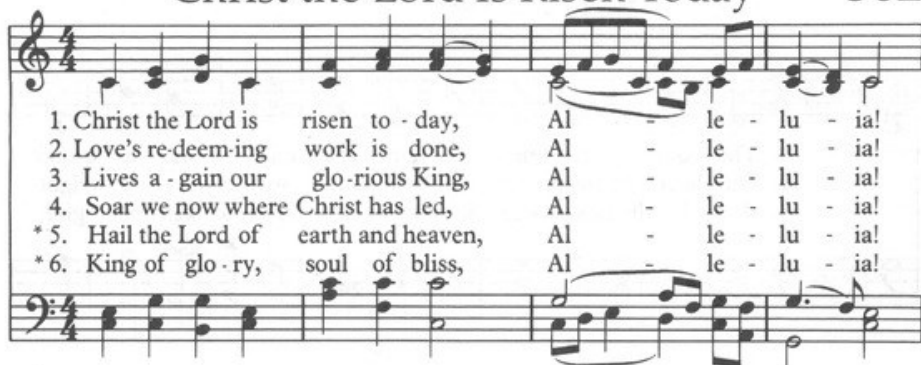
**Blessing**

Leader: Go In Peace to Serve the Risen Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

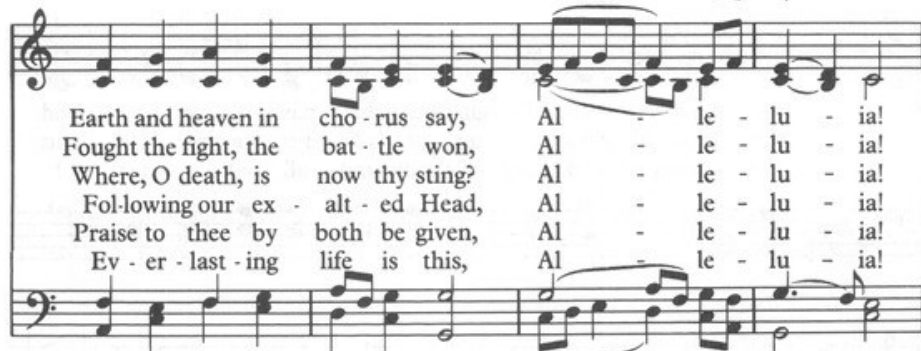
**People:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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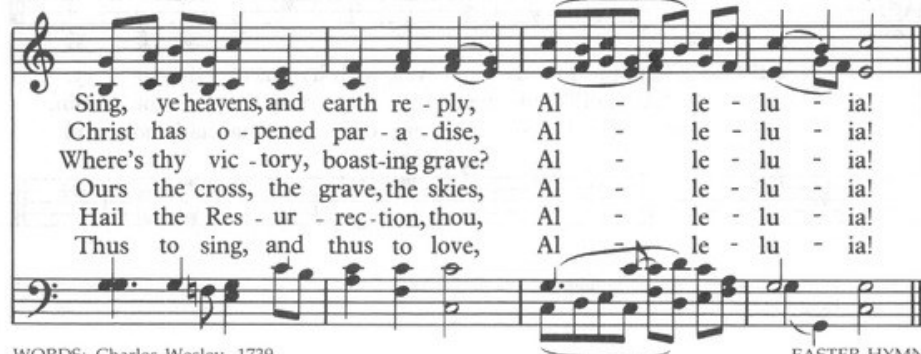
1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!  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

## 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)

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It features three systems of music. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the verses. The third system, marked 'Refrain', contains the chorus. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing a steady accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor).

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 at the start, followed by a G7 chord, and then alternating Am and F chords. The second system (measures 15-17) starts with an F chord, followed by a D7 chord, then G, Am, G7, and ends with a C chord. The third system (measures 18-20) begins with an F chord, moves to C/G, then G7, and ends with a C chord. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, while the bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

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

MUSIC: 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.