

Order of Worship Service

March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

PRELUDES	Rondeau – Jean-Joseph Mouret The Strife is O'er – Healey Willan Christ the Lord is Risen Today – Lani Smith
WELCOME	
RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP	
OUR RESPONSE - HYMN #809	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (OLD HUNDREDTH)
OPENING PRAYER	
HYMN #234	Christ the Lord is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN)
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Congregation: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
CHOIR	This is the Day the Lord Has Made – Mark Hayes
SCRIPTURE READING	Leviticus 25:1-17 Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Congregation: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Wilma Wiens Leader: <i>In our words, our silence, our actions, may our motivation be, Alleluia, Christ is risen! Congregation: He is risen indeed!</i>
CHOIR	I Know that My Redeemer Lives – Craig Courtney
PRAYER OF BLESSING	
HYMN #235	Christ Arose! (CHRIST AROSE)
SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 16:1-8 Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Congregation: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
CHOIR	The Strife is O'er – Donald Cashmore
MESSAGE	O Can't You See What Love Has Done? Robert Dean
HYMN #251	Thine is the Glory (MACCABEAUS) (Hallelujah Chorus 'visitors' please come forward during the final verse of this hymn)
THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS (from "Messiah") – G.F. Handel	
POSTLUDE	Toccata (from "Symphony V") – Charles-Marie Widor

Worship Leader	- Wilma Wiens
Minister of Pastoral & Spiritual Care	- Wilma Wiens
Minister of Music	- Margot Sim
Soloist	- Lindsay MacKenzie

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 7 (Communion Sunday): Sherryl Koop will be speaking on “Living in Unity?” with scriptures Psalm 133 and I John 1:1-2:2

EASTER SUNDAY CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
ALL: **He is risen indeed!**
Leader: The darkness is gone!
ALL: **Bright light floods into this new day of hope.**
Leader: Those who went to the tomb received good news.
ALL: **Christ was not there!**
Leader: Christ is risen in our hearts and our spirits!
ALL: **He is risen indeed!**
Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the Good News!
ALL: **Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen!**

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (Thomas Ken)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY (*Lyra Davidica* 1708))

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 won, 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!

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!

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 (NRSVUE)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely,

but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord’s doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE (adapted from Psalm 118:24)

This is the day the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad!

This is the day the Lord has made, and I will sing my Maker’s praise!

This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and give God praise!

Who is like unto our God the Lord, strong and mighty?

Who is like unto our God who reigns above in glorious splendor?

You are the Rose of Sharon, the Lover of my soul.

You are my heart’s Desire. My soul implores me

To exalt your holy name. Your name is music unto my ears.

And I must sing of the great love you’ve shown to me

Because my heart will not be still.

This is the day the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad!

This is the day the Lord has made. I will be glad!

LEVITICUS 25:1-17 (NRSVUE)

The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, ²“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a Sabbath for the Lord. ³Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in their yield, ⁴but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of complete rest for the land, a Sabbath for the Lord: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. ⁵You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land. ⁶You may eat what the land yields during its Sabbath—you, your male and female slaves, your hired and your bound laborers who live with you, ⁷for your livestock also, and for the wild animals in your land all its yield shall be for food.

⁸“You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. ⁹Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the Day of Atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. ¹⁰And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. ¹¹That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall not sow or reap the aftergrowth or harvest the unpruned vines. ¹²For it is a Jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

¹³“In this year of Jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property. ¹⁴When you make a sale to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you shall not cheat one another. ¹⁵When you buy from your neighbor, you shall pay only for the number of years until the Jubilee; the seller shall charge you only for the remaining crop years. ¹⁶If the years are more, you shall increase the price, and if the years are fewer, you shall diminish the price, for it is a certain number of harvests that are being sold to you. ¹⁷You shall not cheat one another, but you shall fear your God, for I am the Lord your God.

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES (Job 19:25-26; I Corinthians 13:12)

I know that my Redeemer lives
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though my body be destroyed,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God. Alleluia!

Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face;
Now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known.
Alleluia!

CHRIST AROSE! (Robert Lowry)

Lo in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Chorus:

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! CHORUS

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior,
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! CHORUS

JOHN 20:1-18 (NRSVUE)

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. ²So 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.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not touch 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.' " ¹⁸ 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.

THE STRIFE IS O'ER (F. Potts)

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
Now is the Victor's triumph won,
O let the song of praise be sung: Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath His foes dispersed,
Let shouts of praise and joy out-burst: Alleluia!

On the third morn He rose again,
Glorious in majesty to reign,
O let us swell the joyful strain: Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee: Alleluia!

THINE IS THE GLORY (Edmond Budry)

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

Chorus: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let His church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! **Chorus**

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **Chorus**

HALLELUJAH CHORUS (Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16)

Chorus — Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings, and Lord of lords and He shall reign for ever and ever.
Hallelujah!