



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 16, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Praeludium in G"

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Mathews

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

People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

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

People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

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

People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

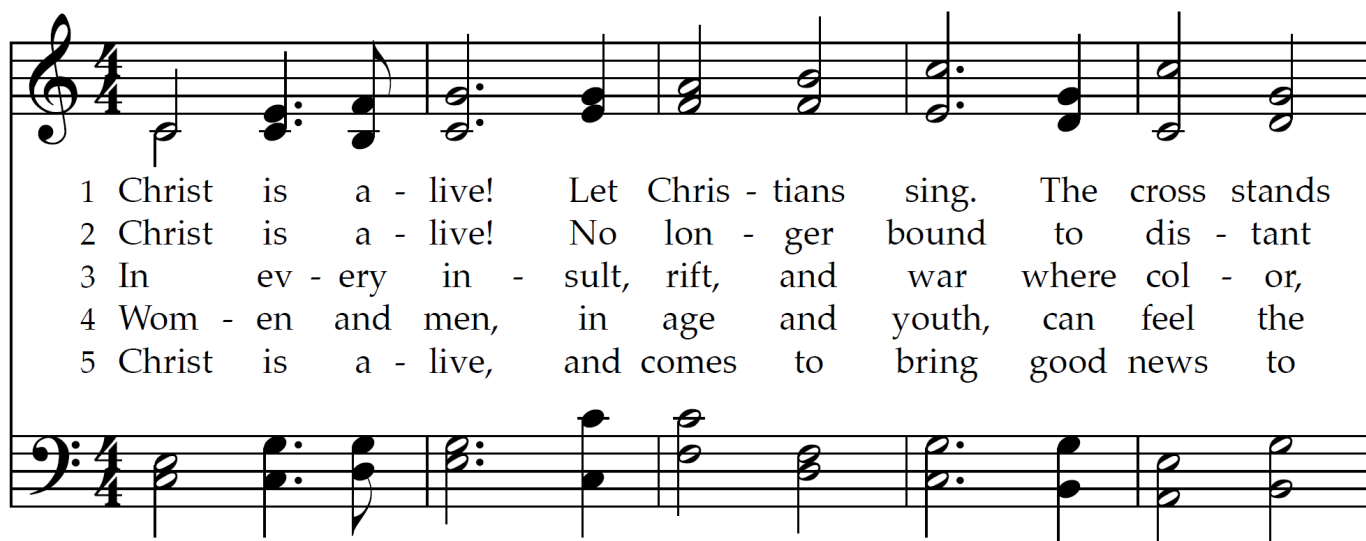
* OPENING HYMN

"Christ Is Alive"

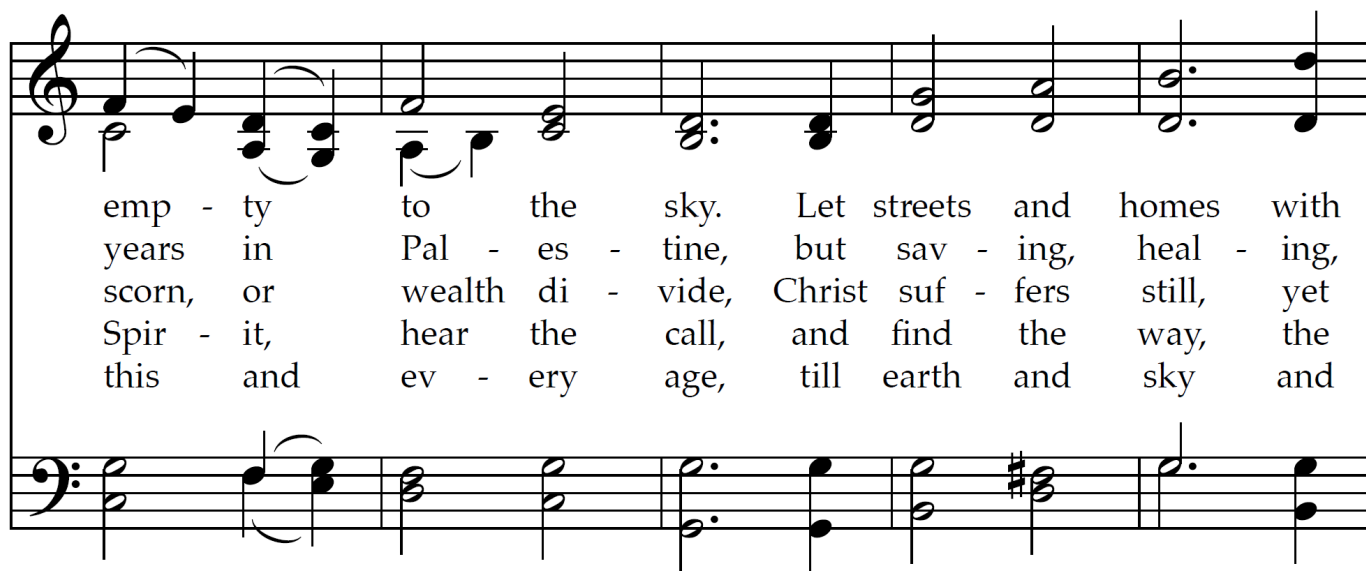
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Glory to God

Christ Is Alive!

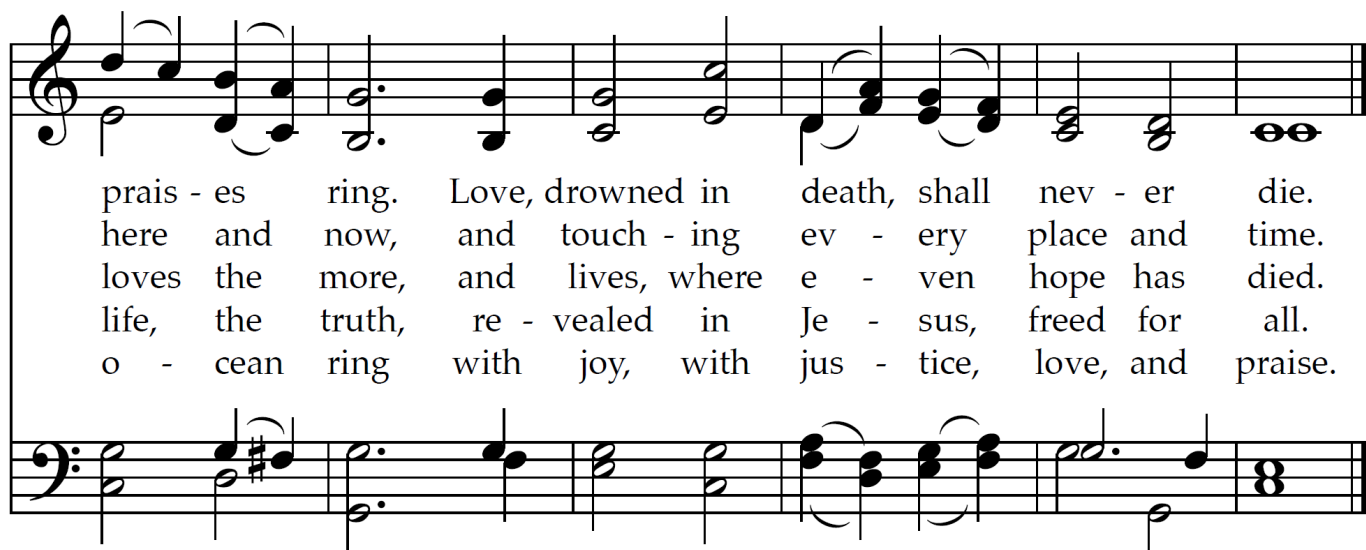
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Dave Mathews

Leader: Christ is risen. Yet we often act as if he is still in the tomb. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

All: Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We expect more when you have already given us enough. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

Silence

Leader: "Jesus came and stood among [the disciples] and said, 'Peace be with you.'" Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace. John 20:19

People: Alleluia. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Gloria Patri"

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Following the Time for Young People, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 206)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

* SONG

"Resurrecting"

Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matthews Ntlele,
Steven Furtick, & Wade Joye

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet; now at His feet we bow
The One who wore our sin and shame now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love now shines for all to see
Your name, Your name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ, our king
Your name, Your name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ, our king
The fear that held us now gives way to Him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross is now alive in me
By Your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat
The resurrected King, is resurrecting me
In Your name I come alive to declare Your victory
The resurrected King, is resurrecting me
The tomb where soldiers watched in vain was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain. Our God has robbed the grave
Our God has robbed the grave

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

Showing Up!

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

No. 817

Glory to God



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 - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Andante Religioso”

Felix Mendelssohn

CENTENNIAL MEMORIES

from Pastor Gary Califf

read by John Wallace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of grace, your Son moves through locked doors, and into our places of fear. We are grateful for the peace Christ offers and his encouragement to continue along the path of faith, even when we face challenges and temptations. On this second Sunday of Easter, we call to mind your suffering people. Holy God, hear our prayers on behalf of:

- Those who are exhausted by their lives and carrying heavy loads.
- Those whose fear and anxiety traps them in small places and small lives.
- Those who are overwhelmed or depressed and cannot find their joy.
- Those who need resurrection but are still stuck in the tomb.

Mighty God, Healer of Nations, hear our prayers for peace and for nonviolent conflict resolution. Our world is torn apart by war, violence, and abuse. Holy God, hear our prayers on behalf of:

- The people and country of Ukraine.
- Russian citizens conscripted into war.
- Innocent lives destroyed and families torn apart by the madness of violence.
- Political leaders prioritizing peace and nonviolent conflict resolution.

God of hope, you resurrect us from our places of despair, turning us toward your promises of peace. Help us rejoice in the beauty that surrounds us. Help us attend to the gifts you abundantly provide. Holy God, hear our prayers of gratitude for:

- The grace and support of loved ones who get us through difficult days.
- The joy of laughter, play and good fun.
- Your creation that awakens with springtime blooms.
- Opportunities to follow Christ in meaningful service and lives of purpose.

Ground us in your good news, O God, and keep our feet steady on Christ's path. May we return to worship you again and again, and to pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying,

All: 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.

(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.)

* CLOSING SONG

“Your Love Awakens Me”

Phil Wickham & Chris Quilala

There were walls between us.
By the cross You came and broke them down,
You broke them down.
And there were chains around us
By Your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.
You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.
You called my name and then my heart came alive.
Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me
Feel the darkness shaking,
All the dead are coming back to life,
I'm back to life.
Hear the song awaken, all creation singing
We're alive 'cause You're alive.
And what a love we've found!
Death can't hold us down. We shout it out;
We're alive 'cause You're alive!

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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