

# EASTER

Sunday



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 31, 2024**

**Livestream & In-Person**

**9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

Graham Kendrick

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

**"Easter Song"**

Anne Herring

Sanctuary Choir & Mission Bells

arr. John Wasson

Hear the bells ringing, they're singing that we can be born again!  
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing Christ is risen from the dead!

Joy to the word, He is risen, alleluia!  
He's risen, alleluia! He's risen, alleluia! Alleluia!

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Lewis (9:00 a.m.)  
Caron Treon (11:00 a.m.)

Leader: Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

**People: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Leader: Celebrate this day of days!

**People: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Leader: Let all creation be amazed!

**People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is risen!**

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Kathy Lewis 9:00 a.m.

Caron Treon 11:00 a.m.

Leader: The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. 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 life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.**

**Silence**

Leader: "Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured."

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.**

\* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE "Glory Be to the Father (*Gloria Patri*)"

No. 581  
*Glory to God*



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the



Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is



now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out



end. A - men, A - men.

**“Come Morning”**

## Sanctuary Choir

Come morning after the night comes the day and the light.  
 Come morning the earth awakes; night gives way to the day,  
 Come morning

Yours is the glory, risen conquering Son;  
 Endless is the victory over death now won!  
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away;  
 Kept the folded grave clothes where His body lay.

Mary greets Jesus risen from the tomb;  
 Lovingly He sees her, scatters fear and gloom.  
 Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
 For our Lord lives again, death has lost its sting!

No more doubt you, glorious Prince of life!  
 Life is naught without you, help us in our strife!  
 Make us more than conquerors, through your deathless love,  
 Bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.

Yours is the glory, risen conquering Son;  
 Endless is the victory over death now won!  
 All the earth sing praises to the holy one,  
 Christ the Lord is risen new life has begun!  
 Sing we all this morning alleluia!  
 Hymns to Christ our Savior alleluia!  
 Lift your praises singing of the risen one!  
 Glory comes this morning Alleluia!

## TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*(Children are invited to the front of the church.  
 Afterwards, they may return to their seats and  
 are encouraged to participate in the remainder of worship.)*

## \* SONG

**“Your Love Awakens Me”**

Phil Wickham &amp; 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!

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" 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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> 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.'" <sup>18</sup> 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.

SERMON

***Colliding Stories***

Pastor Keith L. DeVries



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



## OFFERING AND PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

### “Easter Proclamation”

Lloyd Larson

based on the Easter tunes JUDAS MACCABAEUS, EASTER HYMN, and LANCASHIRE

Mission Bells

Rick Schlosser, Interim Director

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of resurrection, of new life, of new beginnings, we stand before the empty tomb full of terror and amazement — like the Scripture describes the women who first discovered this miracle. We are amazed, Holy God, by your power, by your love, by the grace you extend to us and our world, even when we are undeserving. On this Easter Sunday, we bow before you in prayer, lifting our petitions for those who suffer and struggle, and searching for the strength, guidance and hope we need to serve as your faithful disciples. In your mercy, Risen Savior, hear our prayers. Our terror is real and debilitating, God. We fear for ourselves, for our neighbors, and for our world. Evil has gained traction, convincing many that violence and war, death and destruction are acceptable means to human ends. Forgive us, God. Turn our hearts toward what is holy and right. Turn our faces toward your risen Son, whose light graces us with peace, love, and divine wisdom. On this Easter morning, let us recommit ourselves to Christ's path of peace and the road of Christian discipleship. This road is difficult and most challenging. But this road also leads to new and renewed life.

Savior, hear our prayers that all who are struggling know your resurrection hope.

We pray for those struggling under the weight of despair...

We pray for those who feel trapped and victimized...

We pray for those who lack necessary resources for survival...

We pray for those who are exhausted and overwhelmed...

We pray for those who are traumatized or depressed...

We pray for those who are unsafe and without a place or a people to call home...

We pray for the sick, the grieving, the loved ones we know are struggling...

God of hope, hear our prayers, as well as those we name silently now before you.

Strong God, we praise you as the one who rolls stones away from empty tombs and as the one who opens minds and softens hearts. We stand in awe of your power on this Easter Sunday. We celebrate your risen Son. As the flowers bloom this spring and the butterflies emerge from their cocoons, we cannot help but hope in your everlasting love, our strong foundation that grounds us even as the world around us shakes.

Now hear us as we pray together the prayer Jesus 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. 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.)*

\* SONG

## “Jesus Messiah”

Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin,  
Ed Cash, & Jesse Reeves

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing  
Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all  
His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing  
Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all  
All our hope is in You; all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the World  
Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## “Fanfare and Postlude on ‘Easter Hymn’”

Douglas E. Wagner

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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