



ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 25, 2021 - 9:30 am Online Service

Prelude

Variations on "Brother James Air"
NATE ZULLINGER, ORGAN

arr. Margaret Vardell Sandresky

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

(from Psalm 136)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of gods,

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

It is God who remembered us in our low estate, and rescued us from our foes, who gives food to all who need it

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn 233 *The Day of Resurrection!*

LANCASHIRE

(Hymn located at the end of the bulletin)

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you and each other, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; but you are slow to anger and abound in steadfast love. In your tenderness, forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Time with the Children

Kelli Masters

First Scripture Reading: Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements and Offering

Please make an offering to the ongoing work of the church. You can give online by using the giving button on the website at www.waynepres.org/giving/

Musical Offertory

The Call
QUARTET

Z. Randall Stroope

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

Second Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Let Us Love One Another
CASEY THOMPSON

Closing Hymn 246 *Christ Is Alive!*

(Hymn located at the end of the bulletin)

TRURO

Benediction

Postlude

Carillon
TIM EVERS, ORGAN

Louis Vierne

upcoming events


“CONCERT IN THE COURTYARD” – MAY 1 – 2:30 PM

The Music Department and the Deacons are sponsoring a concert by The Blue Line Quartet on Saturday May 1 at 2:30 pm in the Courtyard outside the Connector adjacent to Lancaster Ave. All are invited to come listen to some wonderful music by these incredible string instrument musicians in an outdoor setting. Space is limited so we ask that you RSVP by calling Lynne Eckman at 610-688-8700 ext. 225. Masks and physical distancing will be required and please note the church will not be open. This is an outside event only. Rain date is Thursday May 6 at 5 pm.

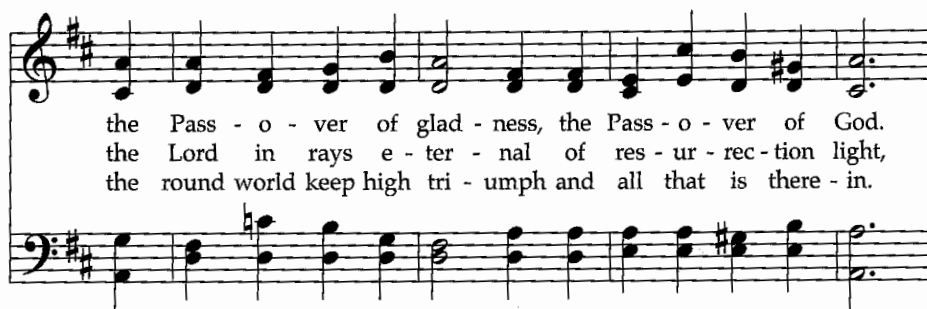
WINGS SUNSET SOCIAL ON THURSDAY, MAY 13 FROM 5:30-7:30 PM

Join us on the veranda and grounds of Hilltop House in Berwyn. We will “sip, snack, and stroll” on the paved paths to walk the park. Refreshments will be provided. This will be a great way for women to reconnect and see each other in an outdoor environment. It is sponsored by WinGS and is free. We encourage all women to join this easy, relaxing evening. Sign up on WPC's website: waynepres.org

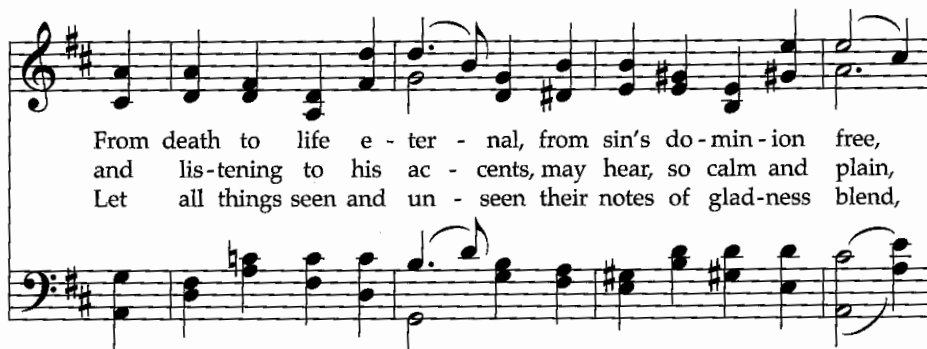
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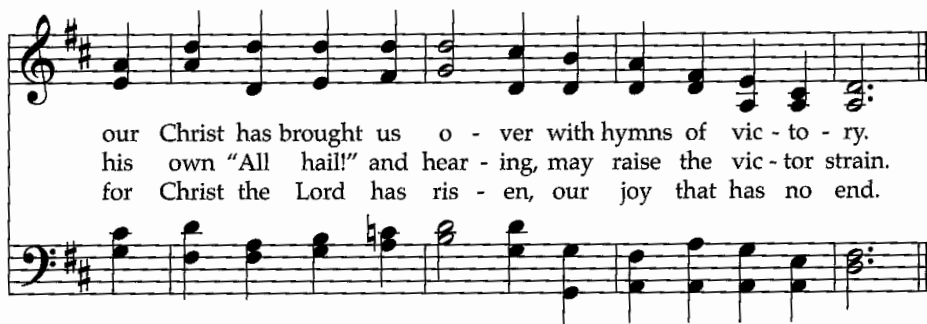
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,




our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

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.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.