

Festival Worship

A PLACE *of* BELONGING FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

WE INVITE PEOPLE of every age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, means, ability, and spiritual tradition to join with us in the love of God and neighbor: through worship, dedication to education, and commitment to service.

ACCESSIBILITY

- Large print bulletins, children's bulletins, & hearing devices are available from ushers.
- ASL is available at the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary.
- All-gendered handicap accessible bathrooms are throughout building.
- The elevator is in the Narthex.
- There is a ramp at the West end of the building for access to the lower floor.

PRAYER BOOK

A prayer book is placed in Narthex before worship services. You may write prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the Church during worship service. Please get permission before using another person's name.

MEET OUR PASTORS

Please introduce yourself to one of our pastors and join us after the service for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care for infants through first grade is available from 8:30am to 12:30pm every Sunday in rooms 130, 127, and 126 (our crib room). We encourage children in 2nd grade to worship with their families. Children's bulletins and bibles are available in the Narthex.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We welcome families with babies and toddlers into worship. Rocking chairs are available at the back of the sanctuary for your comfort. If your child needs space to roam, privacy to nurse, or a bathroom with a changing table, you may go to the Family Parlor, directly across the Narthex. The service is broadcast and ushers will bring the sacrament to you.

UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

GATHERING *for* WORSHIP

BELL OF INVITATION

You are invited to use this as time to prepare for worship

PRELUDE

Hallelujah You're Worthy

Judith McAlister

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

arr. Linda McKechnie

CALL TO WORSHIP*

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen, indeed!

L: Rejoice, every creature in every land! The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

L: This is the good news we have received,
In which we stand, and by which we are saved:

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

L: That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
And rose again on the third day.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

L: He appeared to Mary in the garden, and to the twelve,
And to many faithful witnesses.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

L: At last he came to us, that we might come to believe
And proclaim this good news to the world.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

HYMN 233*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

***AS ABLE, PLEASE STAND** **L: INDICATES LEADER** **P: INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Please wear your name tag and turn off your cell phone

PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

P: Our wilderness journey has been long, O God, and the last three days of darkness have exposed us to suffering and brought us to the edge of despair. Yet once again we are surprised by the power of your love, overwhelmed by the magnitude of your mercy, and humbled by the persistence of your grace. Grant that these Alleluias may resound in our hearts long beyond worship today, so that when our faith becomes weak we may remember you as our Creator and give thanks for your providence.

L: When we lose confidence in your faithfulness and want to go back to Egypt,
P: forgive us.

L: When we cast idols in your name and worship the wrong things,
P: forgive us.

L: When the anxious ideology of scarcity closes our hearts and tightens our grip,
P: forgive us.

L: When we misinterpret your covenant as a title to power,
P: forgive us.

L: When we confuse the rhetoric of false prophets for your wisdom,
P: forgive us.

L: When we are overcome with the madness of the crowd and speak for vengeance rather than justice,
P: forgive us.

P: You have walked with us, Loving God, through the parade of the palms to the tears of Jesus's passion. Now we stand in the garden of your resurrection amazed, like Mary, by the triumph of your love. Help us remember this victory, O God: your faithfulness, your forgiveness, your everlasting care for Creation. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE*

L: Remember the victory of God's love revealed in Christ Jesus. It is the mysterious tale of an empty tomb: that evil is not powerful and death is not final. God's love for Creation is all that matters. Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the friendship register in your row and share your contact information with us so that we can welcome you and help you to connect with the ministries of our congregation. Later in the service, the offering is our practice of expressing gratitude for the grace of God that has been revealed in our lives. Please consider including United Church of Chapel Hill in your household's plan of generosity by participating financially in the life of the church.

TODAY'S LESSON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION- INSERT

ISAIAH 65:17- 25

Pew Bible Pg. 607

LUKE 24:1- 12

Pew Bible Pg. 860

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Now behold the Lamb

Kirk Franklin

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

If a Children's Message is offered in the worship service, the children will be invited to join the Director of Children's Ministries down by the Chancel Steps. We welcome children's presence and participation in our worship services. Worship bags are available for them in the Narthex. If your child (first grade and younger) would be more comfortable in a play-based setting, they are welcome to go our Nursery downstairs. You are also welcome to hear the service from the Family Parlor, across the Narthex. As the children leave the Sanctuary, we invite the congregation to sing a blessing.

Go Now in Peace

GO IN PEACE

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God sur - round you

ev - ery - where, ev - ery - where you may go.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/2 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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TODAY'S MESSAGE "Our Easter Story"

REVEREND CAMERON BARR

HYMN- INSERT*

Christ is Alive

TRURO

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: God, by your grace

P: **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: **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, for ever. AMEN.**

PRACTICE OF GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Ricketts

DOXOLOGY*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here be low.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God with all the hosts above.

Praise God in wonder, joy and love. Praise the Spi-rit, ho-ly

Spi-rit. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

INVITATION TO AN OPEN TABLE*

- L: The Lord be with you.
P: **And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: **We lift them to God.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING*

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and the second 'Congregation'. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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- L: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
P: **People will come from the north and south
And from the east and west
To sit at Christ's table.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: Let us proclaim together the great mystery of our faith.

P: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

We receive the bread and cup by intinction. Simply take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup from any serving station. We serve only non-alcoholic grape juice. A gluten-free vegan option is available in the basket with purple linens. If you would like to be served at your seat, please signal an usher, and we will bring the elements to you. Healing prayer is available at the back corner of the sanctuary during communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Earth and All Stars

arr. Matthew Compton

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: **We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HYMN 245*

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

BLESSING IN WORD*

BLESSING IN MUSIC

Toccata (Symphonie No. 5)

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Please welcome visitors who are with us this morning and introduce them to one of the pastors who are waiting to greet you in the Narthex.

SERVICE TIMES

FESTIVAL WORSHIP: 8:45AM
WORSHIP AND THE WORD: 11:00AM
LA MESA SERVICE* : 11:00AM

*en español e ingles

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SERVICE NOTES

LITURGIST: Jesse Sorrell

CHOIRS: Youth Choir; Gabby Sielken, Cole Nicholson, Gaylen Brubaker (percussion); United Voices of Praise; Faye Paige (solo); Vera Bennett (conductor); Brad Kintner (bass); Odessa Shaw (drums)

BELL CHOIR: Bronze Voices

BRASS ENSEMBLE: Doug Zabor, Esteban Gonzalez (trumpets); Rich Wilson, Henry Sallard (trombones); Gaylen Brubaker (timpani) *In loving memory of Ray Doyle, who was scheduled to play trumpet with this ensemble today. Ray died in a car accident last week.*

HEALING PRAYER: Bill Chicurel (If you feel called, you are welcome to join in the healing prayer group)

DEACON: Lisa Stuckey, and Angela Daye

USHERS: Paul DeJongh, Andrew Short, Andrea Vizoso, Susan Sharpe, Matt Newton

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Elements of this service taken from:

Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu, Ed., *Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*, Nashville: Abingdon Press (2018).

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