WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION of THE LORD

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

MARCH 31, 2024 7:30 A.M.



UNITED CHURCH of CHAPEL HILL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Easter Morning Medley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

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

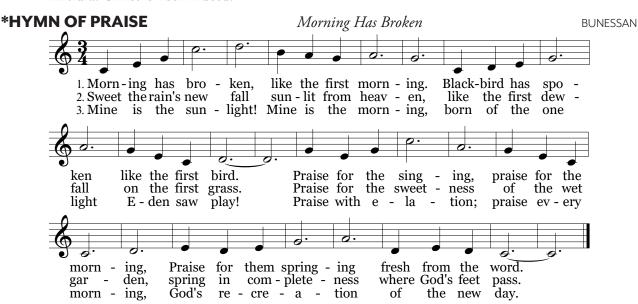
Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to Mary, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 28:1-10

A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church

Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11, 13-14

ANTHEM

Cuan Grande es El / How Great Thou Art

Trad. Swedish Melody, O STORE GUD Spanish trans., Arturo Hotton-Rives

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2. When through the wood and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: (Refrain)
- 3. And when I think that God, his Song not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: (Refrain)

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then shall I bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" (Refrain) **HOMILY** Rev. Cameron Barr

*AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Trusting in the grace of God, we renounce evil and its power in the world, and seek to dismantle the systems and structures of oppression that disfigure God's good creation.

We put our faith in God's love and justice.

We put our hope in the love of Christ Jesus and trust that life in Christ means that death is not defeat.

We put our hope in the Living God.

We remember that God loves us as we are and that the humanity of Jesus welcomes our truth and authenticity.

We always remember God's love for all Creation.

We devote ourselves to the community of the church, praising God in worship, serving our neighbors in compassionate ministries of care, and reaching out to touch the world with the love of Christ.

We will seek to love the world as God loves us.

How do we summarize the law and the prophets?

We are called to love God with our whole heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. There is no greater law than this.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that this font may be your womb of new birth. May all who pass through these waters be delivered from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness. Bind them to the household of faith and guard them from all evil. Strengthen them to serve you with joy until the day you make all things new. Amen.

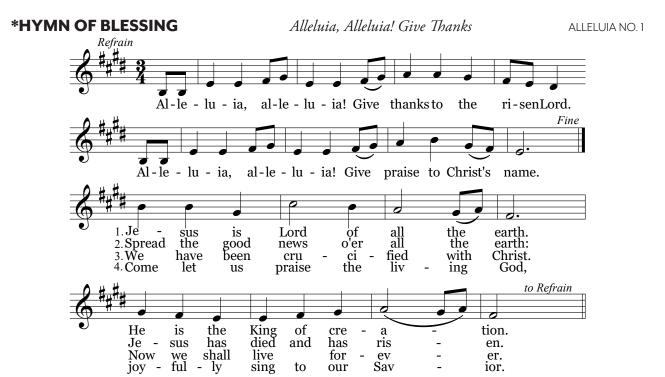


PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Living God, Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.



*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on Easter Hymn

SERVICE NOTES

MUSICIANS: Bianca Muñoz, Natalia Furman-Felix, voice; Andrés Santos, violin and voice; Julie Mitchell, piano.

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