



*Worship Bulletin, Sunday, April 4, 2021, 11:00am*  
**Easter Sunday**

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**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

Bree Fox

**PRELUDE**

“All Hail The Power”

James Curnow

*Richard Brown, euphonium    Susan Whipple, piano*

**INTROIT**

“Gaelic Easter Celebration”

arr. Pattie Drennon

*That Easter day with sun was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored, the glad apostles saw their Lord.  
His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet He showed.  
The scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.  
O Jesus, strong in gentleness, come now Yourself, our hearts possess,  
That we may give you all our days the tribute of our grateful praise.  
From every weapon death can wield Your own redeemed for ever shield.  
O Lord of all, with us abide in this, our joyful Eastertide.  
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised.

*Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ our King is risen!*

## HYMN 245

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

*"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.*

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The prophet Isaiah declared, "The Lord God will wipe tears from every face; he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth, for the Lord has spoken. They will say on that day, "Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited — and he has saved us!"

*He is risen! This is the Lord, for whom we have waited; let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation! All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. We believe! We are a forgiven people! Alleluia!*

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Trinity Gibson

### ANTHEM

“Acclamation for Easter”

Jon Paige

*This is a time for alleluias! This is a day to lift your voice!  
This is the dawn of new beginnings! This is the day for joyful noise!*

*(Refrain) Alleluia! Alleluia! This is resurrection day!  
Alleluia! Sing alleluia!*

*Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen from the grave!*

*This is the day the garden awakens! This is the time for hope and life!  
This is the moment death is shaken! This is the dawn of truth and light!  
(Refrain)*

*Three dark days the world has waited, looking for the Son of Light.  
Now the earth, with joy, is singing as she greets the risen Christ!  
Hills and valleys ring with song. All creation sings along.  
Come, and join with voices strong.  
He is risen, risen, risen! Christ is risen today!  
(Refrain)*

*This is a time for alleluias! This is a day to lift your song!  
This is the dawn of new beginnings! This is the day for voices strong!  
(Refrain)*

### SCRIPTURES

Mark 16:1-8 & Acts 10:24-43

### SERMON

“Invited”

Rev. Collin Adams

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

*The Son is the image of the invisible God, the one who is first over all creation. Because all things were created by him: both in the heavens and on the earth the things that are visible and the things that are invisible. Whether they are thrones or powers, or rulers or authorities, all things were created through him and for him.*

*He existed before all things, and all things are held together in him. He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the one who is the firstborn from among the dead so that he might occupy the first place in everything.*

*Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him, and he reconciled all things to himself through him—whether things on earth or in the heavens. He brought peace through the power of his cross.*

## REFLECTION

“Written In Red”

Gordon Jensen and Camp Kirkland

*Meredith Brown, Richard Brown, vocalists Julia Brown, piano*

*In letters of crimson, God wrote His love on a hillside so long, long ago  
For you and for me Jesus died, and love’s greatest story was told*

*I love you, I love you  
That’s what Calvary said  
I love you, I love you  
I love you, written in Red*

*Down through the ages, God wrote His love with the same hands that suffered and bled  
Giving all that He had to give, a message so easily read.*

*I love you, I love you  
That’s what Calvary said  
I love you, I love you  
I love you...*

*Oh, precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*I love you, I love you  
That’s what Calvary said  
I love you, I love you  
I love you, written... In Red*

## PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all.  
You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world. Bless  
these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and  
Sanctifier, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**HYMN 238**

"Thine is the Glory"

Verses 1 and 2

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Mary McDonald

HE IS RISEN  
~alleluia

*The Easter Lilies adorning our Sanctuary  
today are given to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of ...*

Sheena Osborne.....Linda Russell Qualls  
Charlotte Foard.....Linda Russell Qualls  
Johnny and Mary Boyles .....  
.....their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren  
Sinclair Preston.....Betsy Preston  
Parker Fox.....David and Bree Fox  
Debbie Tibbs (David's Sister).....David and Bree Fox  
Robert McMillan and Allen Roedecker.....Noah and Robin McMillan  
Betty Green.....Susan and Peter Lodal  
Kristal Germroth.....Debbie, Ted and Karah Germroth

*The Easter Lilies adorning our Sanctuary  
today are given in honor of ...*

Josephine Morrison.....Betsy Preston  
Tom King.....Noah and Robin McMillan  
Julie and Ernie Vogel.....Howard and Karen Carman  
Rev. Collin and Blair Adams.....Howard and Karen Carman  
Our grandchildren and great grand-child.....  
.....Joyce and Conner Caldwell

*The Easter Lilies adorning our Sanctuary  
today are given in celebration of ...*

Margaret Muller .....Judi and Gary Easley  
*(who will be celebrating her 100th birthday)*  
*(More on back page)*

*In celebration of, cont'd...*

Rev. Collin Adams.....Judi and Gary Easley  
Susan Whipple.....Judi and Gary Easley  
Richard, Meredith and Julia Brown .....Judi and Gary Easley  
Julie and Ernie Vogel.....Judi and Gary Easley

