

Welcome

Prelude - “The Trumpet Shall Sound”, Handel - Paul Roark, soloist; Laura Piper, trumpet
I Corinthians 15:51, 52 - Behold I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

- **Call to Worship**

Today is the day mystery unfolds.

We glimpse it at the dawning of light.

We yearn to hear our Lord calling us:

sister, brother, sibling.

Today we recall again God’s trustworthy promise:

The tomb is empty! The Lord is risen! The enemy of death is destroyed!

We delight, saying: alleluia!

We wonder, singing: alleluia! We are witnesses shouting: alleluia!

Invocation

- **Sounds of Faith** - #232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

- **Prayer of Confession**

Death is overcome. Evil is thwarted.

Let us confess the sin we carry that we may receive new life in Christ.

On this bright and joyful day, we bring our whole selves to you, great God, honestly naming the truth about our lives.

We are sinking under piles of shame, judgment, and self-pity, feeling closer to hell than heaven. O Christ, rend our veil of tears!

Restore us. Renew us. Revive us. In the name of the risen Christ we pray.

Hear the good news! The Lord is alive!

The risen Lord destroys death, conquers sin, and wipes away all shame.

We are drenched in radiating mystery: God is with us. Receive the wonderful news:

You are made alive in Christ. In Jesus Christ you are restored. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- **Congregational Response**

Lord, I lift your name on high

Lord, I love to sing your praises

I’m so glad you’re in my life

I’m so glad you came to save us

You came from Heaven to Earth to show the way

From the Earth to the cross my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky

Lord, I lift your name on high

Children’s Message – Tony Pritchett**Choir Anthem** – “Jesus, Thank You”, Cliff Duren**Prayer of Illumination**

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-19, 24-25, Liturgist, Tina O’Connor

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress . . .

*Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD. The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.***

Choir Anthem - “Thank You Jesus for the Blood”, Cliff Duren

Scripture: John 20:11-18

*But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 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.’” 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. The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.***

Meditation – Dr. Paul Casner

- **Sounds of Hope** - #250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Baptism of Eleanor Lynn Graff

Affirmation of Faith

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 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.

Giving and Offertory – “Because He Lives”, Sin Fox, Randy Mallory and Tony Pritchett

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

. . . Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

- **Sounds of Love** – “Christ Arose!” (see insert)

- **Benediction**

- **Choral Response** – “The Hallelujah Chorus”, Handel

Postlude

The (●) dot in the order of worship invites you to stand as you are able. Text in **bold** indicates unison reading.

Today’s altar flowers are given by Brooks & Chelsea Parker in honor of the DPC Choir, who give so tirelessly of their time, talents, and gifts to bless our lives with beautiful music all year long, and in thanksgiving for our treasured new members who are enjoying their first Easter Sunday as part of our choir family - Daniel Brown, Carol Dover, Stephanie Fox, Libby Francis, Bob Hollingsworth, Julie Hunt, David Lehman, Tom Loeffler, Ann Marie McFarland, Carol Swimmer, and Leanne Terry. We love you all!

Participating in today’s service: Kristin Weber, Hannah Sorrells, violin/Austin Hoke, cello/
Laura Piper, trumpet/Stin Fox, bass/Tony Pritchett, Randy Mallory, guitar/Mike Neel, percussion

Donelson Presbyterian Church

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We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. If you are a guest at Donelson Presbyterian Church, we encourage you to fill out a yellow visitor card which you will find in the pew.

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