

Downtown Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for April 12, 2020
Resurrection of the Lord

Opening Chant

Dominican chant

*Alleluia! Christus resurgens ex mortuis, jam non moritur,
mors illi ultra non dominabitur. Alleluia.*

translation:

*Alleluia! Christ, rising from the dead, dies no more.
Death shall have no more dominion over him.*

Nina Cardona, mezzo-soprano

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Jeremiah 31:1-6 (CEB, alt.)

The LORD proclaims:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness.

As Israel searched for a place of rest,

the LORD appeared to them from a distance:

I have loved you with a love that lasts forever.

And so with unfailing love, I have drawn you to myself.

Again, I will build you up, and you will be rebuilt, virgin Israel.

Again, you will play your tambourines and dance with joy.

Again, you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria;

farmers will plant and then enjoy the harvests.

The time will come when the watchmen shout from the highlands of Ephraim:

“Get ready! We’re going up to Zion to the LORD our God!”

Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Confession

O Christ, after the complex drama of your arrest, trial, execution and burial,

we come to the empty tomb and see how simple it is.

Today, in our time of crisis, with so much of the complexity and busyness of life on hold,

we are learning about simplicity...and the unexpected.

We are discovering what is essential.

Nothing familiar greeted the women at the tomb that day;

not even the body of their beloved friend.

But what was essential welcomed them into a new world.

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*Forgive us for the complexities we are prone to layer on,
layers that sometimes obscure what is essential.
Help us to turn our eyes toward what we need to see,
and to walk away from a world which is already leaving us.
Lift our imaginations beyond returning to what has been,
so that we can enter into what is becoming
Give us courage: our habits run deep.
Help us to remember how much we need one another,
how much we need your vision,
and that when we stumble along the way,
you, our risen Christ, are there to lift us up and guide us forward.
Amen.*

Assurance

*May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

For the Lord's Supper you are invited to use whatever bread and juice (or wine) that you have on hand. As you are comfortable, join Mike and Mary Louise in breaking the bread and blessing the cup. Likewise, share the elements however you choose.

Prayer After Communion

Hymn "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Benediction

Closing Voluntary Toccata on *Darwall's 148th* Gordon Young
Tune taken from hymn "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

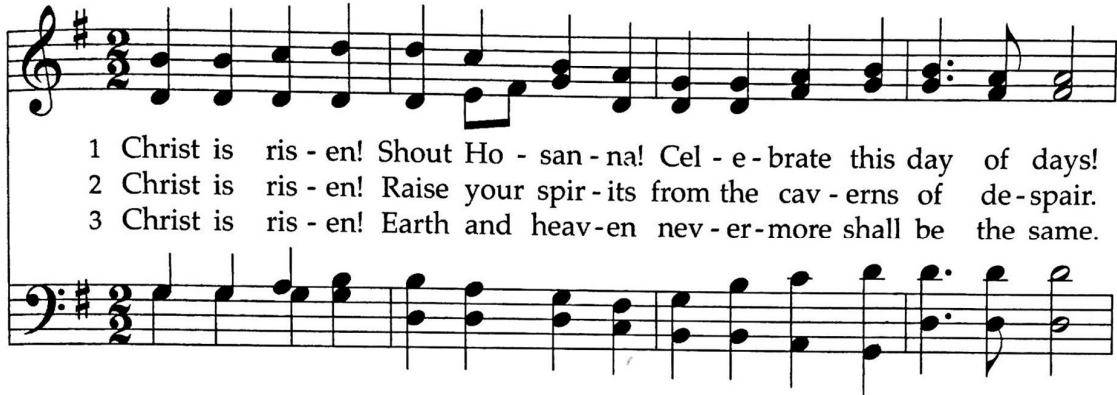
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

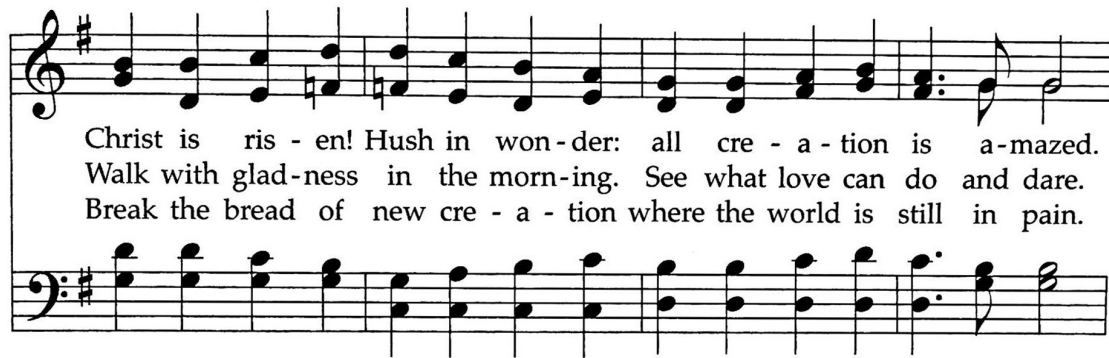
who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

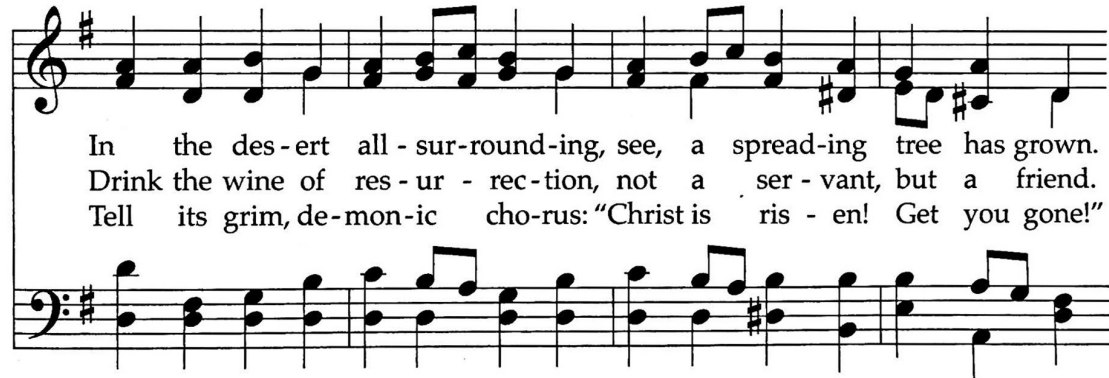
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



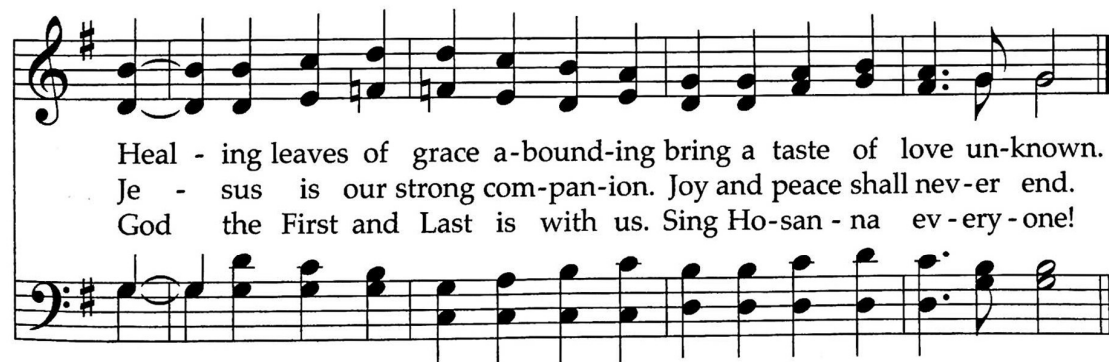
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."