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April 14, 2024

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Third Sunday of Easter

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Alleluia Sing to Jesus

by Dix

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Come and see the love God has given to us.

C: Come and see what it means to be children of God.

L: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

C: With joy, we come to see the Lord.

L: We are witnesses,

C: to the love God has poured into us.

L: We are witnesses of God's love,

C: sharing it with each person we meet.

L: We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,

C: little children like us, siblings in God's family.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Miraculous God,

C: come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 177 NCH (see below)

God of Change and Glory

God of Change and Glory

Al Carmines, 1973

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in 2/4 time with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in three columns. The first system (measures 1-4) contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system (measures 5-8) contains the next three lines. The third system (measures 9-12) contains the next three lines. The fourth system (measures 13-16) contains the next three lines. The fifth system (measures 17-20) contains the next three lines. The sixth system (measures 21-24) contains the final three lines, including the refrain. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
2. God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
3. Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new-ness of each night,

5
when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace. In the midst of
you have made us dif - ferent, bless-ing man - y kinds. As the old ways
you are still cre - a - ting end-less love and light. This we see, as

10
chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise. Man-y gifts, one Spir-it,
dis - ap-pear, let your love cast out our fear.
shad-ows part, man-y gifts from one great heart.

16
one love known in man-y ways. In our dif-fer - ence is bless-ing, from di-ver - si -

21 *Refrain*
- ty we praise one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God known in man-y ways,

28
hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

***TIME OF CONFESSION²**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Wondrous God,

C: we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 236 NCH

Halle, Halle, Halle

ALL SING: Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

I am the resurrection, live in me. I am the way the truth, follow me. I am the resurrection, live in me. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

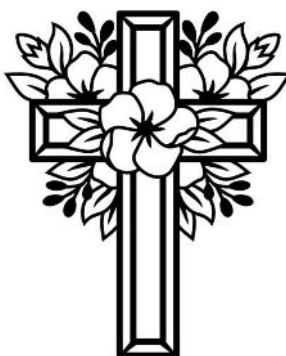
Luke 24:36-48 (CEB)

SERMON

Michael Maletz

HYMN UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL NO. 318 (see next page)

Christ is Alive



Christ is Alive

Brian Wren, 1968

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano 

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to
3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un -
4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where
5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good

5



cross stands emp - ty to the sky. Let
dis - tant years in Pal - es - tine, he
- touched, un - moved by hu - man pains, but
col - or, scorn, or wealth di - vide, he
news to this and ev - ery age, till

9



streets and homes with prais - es ring. His
comes to claim the here and now and
dai - ly, in the midst of life, our
suf - fers still, yet loves the more, and
earth and all cre - a - tion ring with

13



love in death shall nev - er die.
dwell in ev - ery place and time.
Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.
lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

Come and Sing

by Lau

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Lord of All Hopefulness

by Struther

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 2215 FWS

Cares Chorus

ALL SING: I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 391 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page)

In the Midst of New Dimensions



In the Midst of New Dimensions

Julian Rush, 1985

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1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions
3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

4



chang - ing ways, Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their
and de - spair, Who will lift the ol - ive bran - ches? Who will light the
- seek - ing schemes, Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion
old and young, Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song
- draw in pain, May your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the

8 *Refrain*



sep - arate ways? God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar,
flame of care?
wid - er dreams.
to be sung.
church a - gain.

12



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, We your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

16



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er more.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Neil Everhart by Lina Everhart & family.

The other vase of flowers is in honor of Lina Everhart and her confirmation at Mt. Zion (reformed) 75 years ago by Tori Everhart.

References

¹The Call To Worship is a combination of the Call to Worship of the day as written by written by Thom Shuman and posted on LiturgyLink. <https://www.liturgylink.net/>, and from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009, © 2008 Abingdon Press. Posted on the Worship Elements page of the Ministry Matters website. Accessed and used with permission 4/8/24.

²The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness is written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on her Rev-o-lution blog. Accessed and used with permission 4/8/24.

Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

8 AM Welcome Team Members—Carol Bair

8 AM Tech Team— Dave Firestone & Joe Vacante

Guest Preacher—Michael Maletz

10:30 AM Welcome Team Members—Tori Everhart, Faye Heal, & Sarah Shaffer

10:30 AM Tech Team—George DeMers, Ron Miles, & John Schriver

10:30 AM Liturgist—Charlie Hull

Worship Choir— Tom Bair & Brenda Beyer

NOTES FOR JOKES