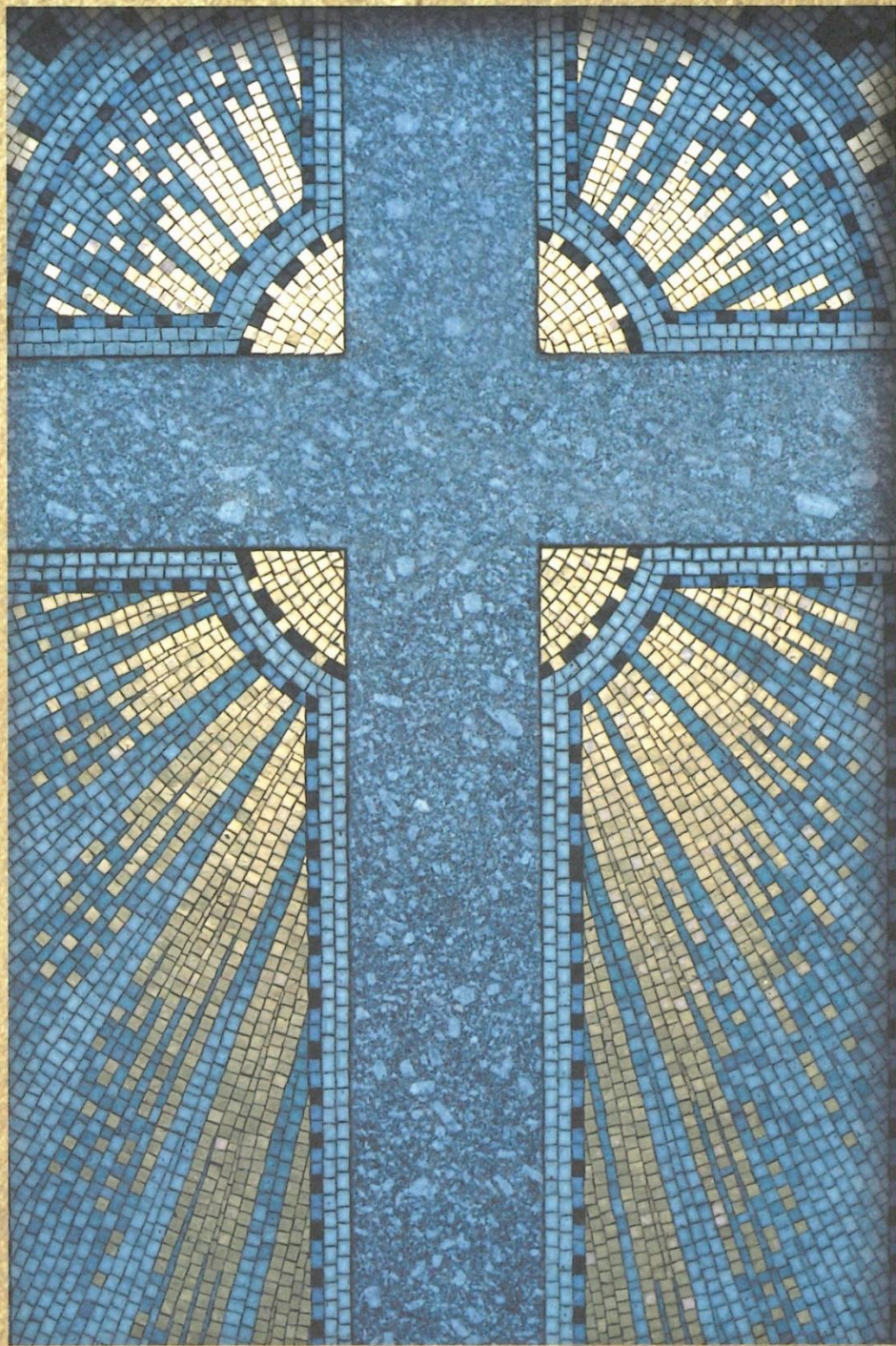


alleluia!

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Welcome to New Castle Presbyterian Church!

In person and via livestream, we gather as a faith community, seeking and serving the God we know in Jesus Christ. May this worship service remind you that you are God's own and that together we are called to live out God's way of love, justice and peace.

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a seat cushion.

Nametags – We encourage everyone to use the nametags available in the Meeting House entrance during worship and coffee hour. Please return to their box in Fellowship Hall.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

Our Easter Fair will be offered today! Children begin in worship; worship bags are available at the entrance. Following the Scripture Conversation, babies through 5th grade may attend our Easter Fair in the Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher for a registration form or if you have any questions. Easter Fair activities will continue through our Egg Hunt at Noon.

At the end of worship, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship “code”: * = please stand if able **bold** = all speak together

Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on 2nd Street are for
handicapped parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 silverfran@aol.com

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New Castle Presbyterian Church

Easter Day

April 20, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

The Day of Resurrection

arr. Larry Shackley

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

Greeting of Peace

As Jesus greeted his disciples, so let us greet one another:

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Please wave at your neighbors and extend Christ's greeting, "Peace be with you".

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Choir, Sunday School Children and Bethany Faiz - Piano

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went seeking.

On this first day of the week, at early dawn, we come seeking.

The disciples remembered Christ's promise of salvation.

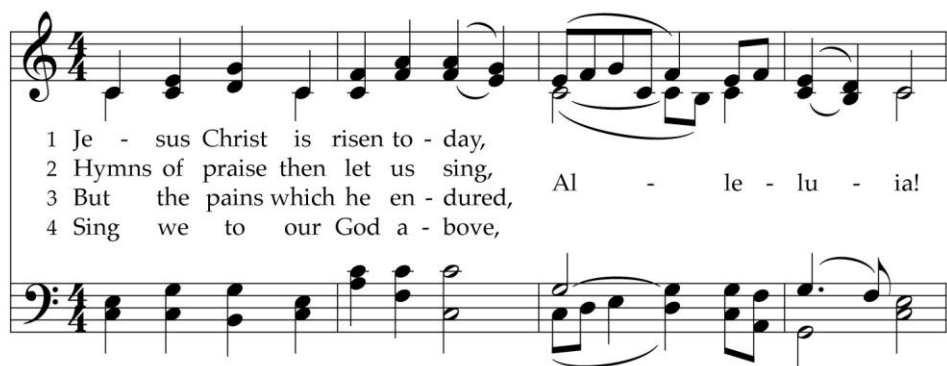
The Son of Man was crucified, buried, and rose again on the third day.

Let us believe, and let us proclaim this good news to the world:

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Hymn #232**

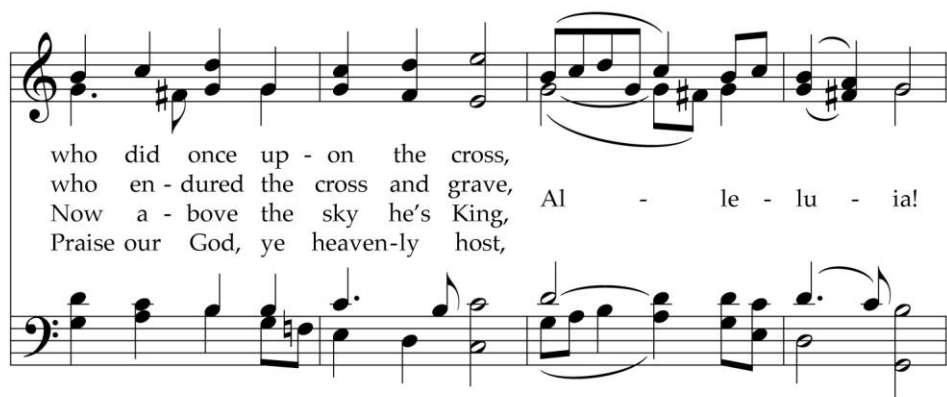
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



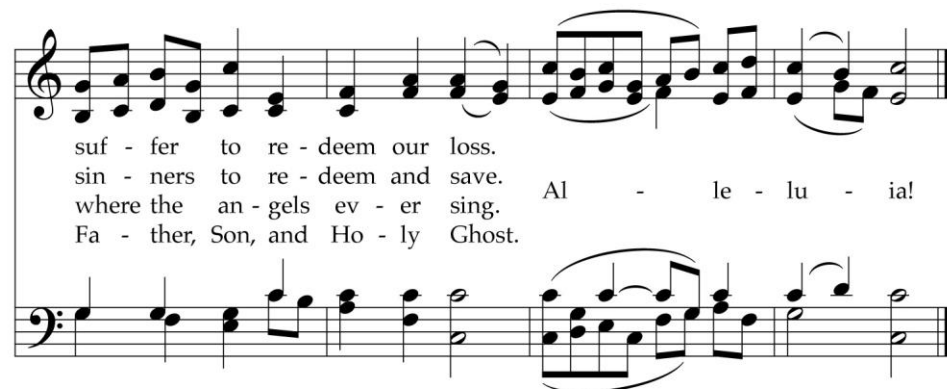
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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



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



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

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmody*, 1749
Korean Trans. © The Christian Literature Society of Korea

EASTER HYMN
7.7.7.7 with alleluias

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Great God, on this bright and joyful day, we bring our whole selves to you. We confess to you the truth about our lives. We trust that you'll receive us in grace. We are sinking under piles of shame, judgment, and self-pity, feeling closer to the grave than the peace of life with you.

Christ, rend our veil of tears. Reset us. Renew us. Revive us. Roll back the stones that block us from you and show us the promises of your kingdom...

(Time for silent prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*Response #240

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

**2. Spread the good news o'er
all the earth:**

Jesus has died and has risen.

(Repeat refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

Bethany Faiz - Piano

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died; my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Living Word, as you comforted Mary that Easter morning, comfort us with your presence now. By the power of your Spirit, give each of us faith, that hearing your Word, we, too, may proclaim, “I have seen the Lord!” Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-18

Page: NT 114

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch 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.’ ” ¹⁸ 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. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

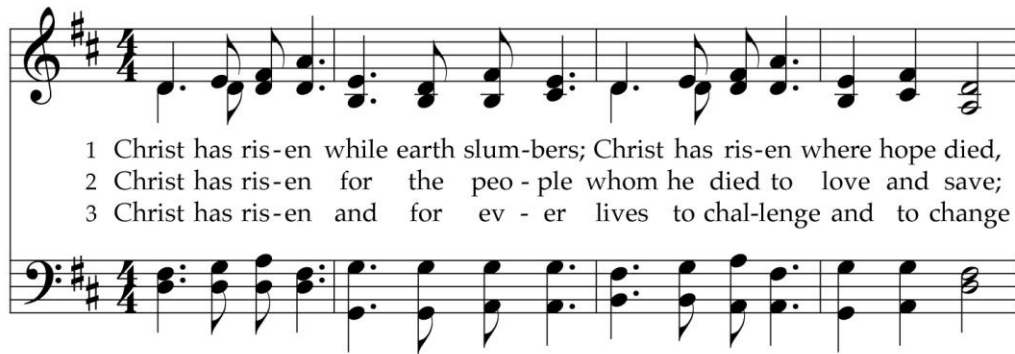
Sermon

A Roomier Faith

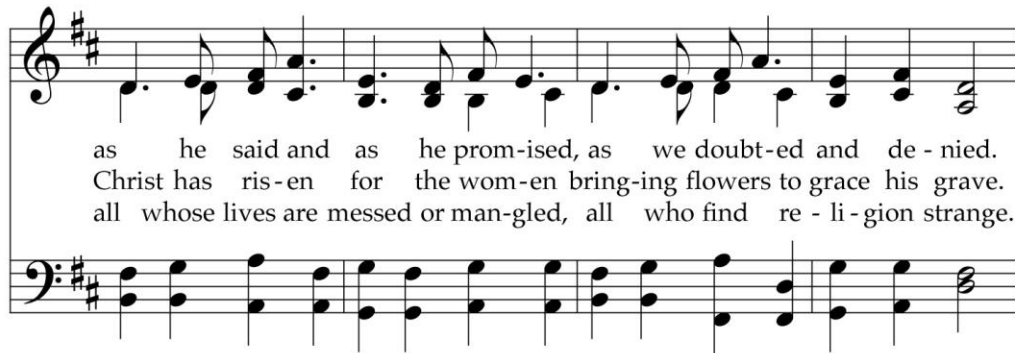
GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #231

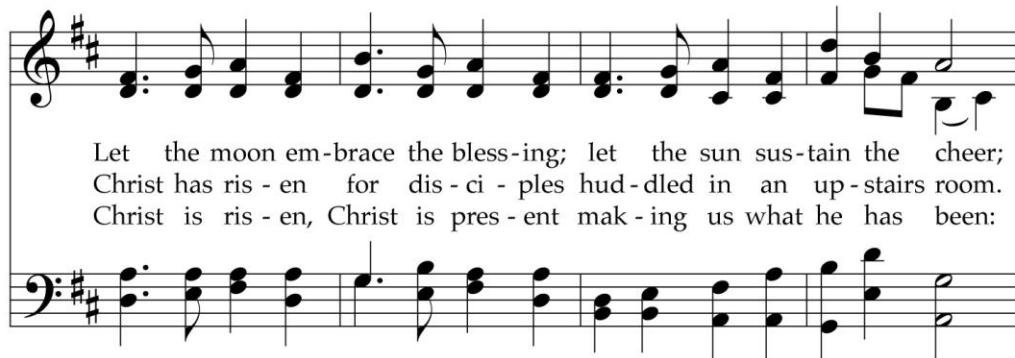
Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers



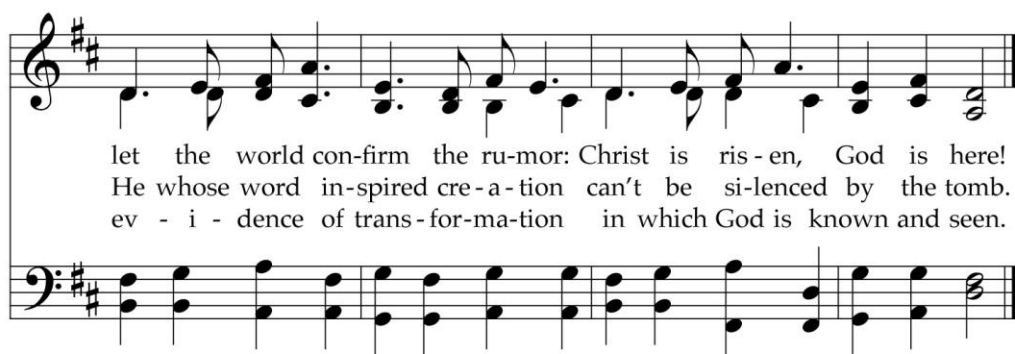
1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
2 Christ has ris-en for the peo-ple whom he died to love and save;
3 Christ has ris-en and for ev-er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de-nied.
Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re-li-gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
Christ has ris-en for dis-ci-ples hud-dled in an up-stairs room.
Christ is ris-en, Christ is pres-ent mak-ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!
He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
ev-i-dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Mark Hayes

Bethany Faiz - Piano

***Response #245**

Christ the Lord is risen today! Al-le-lu-ia!

All creation, join to say: Al-le-lu-ia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing, O heavens and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world – giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the condemned. Teach us to live each day for you, making room in our hearts, our schedules, our neighborhoods for the grace of your kingdom. In the name of Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.

Prayers of the People

The 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, forever. Amen.

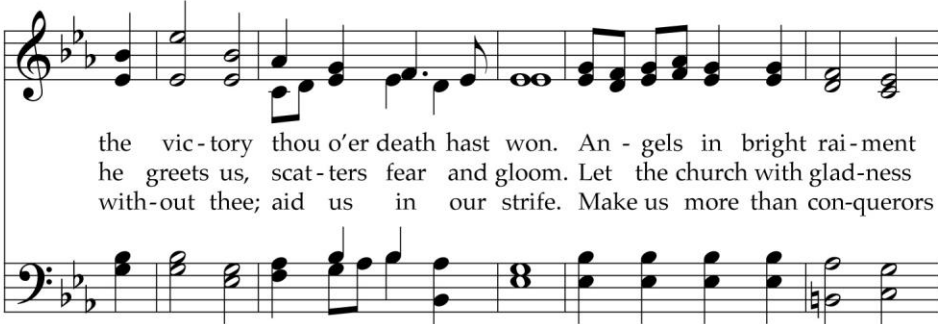
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #238

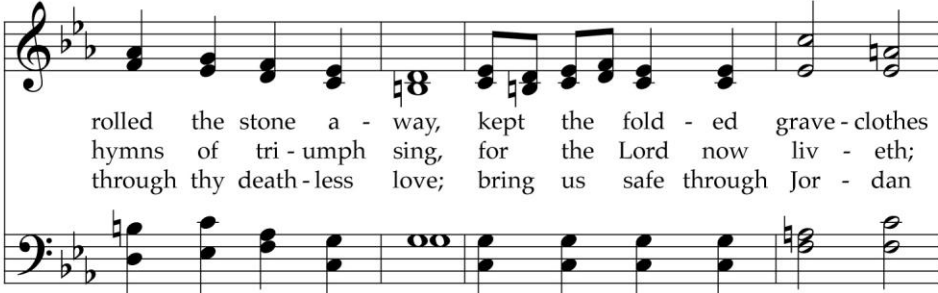
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

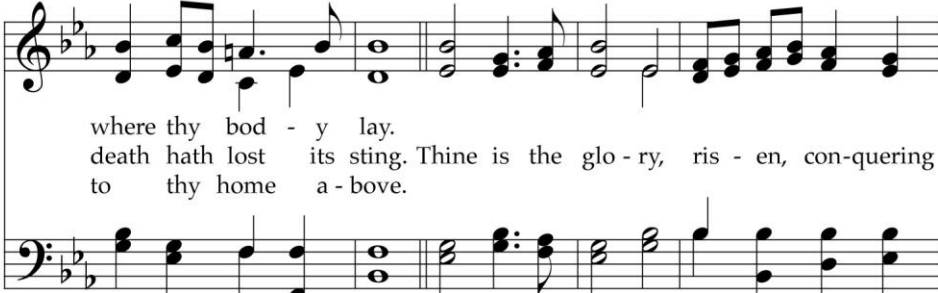


the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Hail Redeemer King

by Russell Nagy

Minerva Lermond and Ellie Gerhart - Handbells

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Steeple Bell

Postlude

The Risen Christ

arr. Lani Smith

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Please remain seated through the Postlude. As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door. Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Jane Fouracre

Counters: Peter McCurdy/Marshall Freund

Ushers: Toni Marley

Fellowship Hour: NCPC 3 Boards

Easter Fair: Mallory Mackie and the CE Committee

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

James T. Eliason, Jr.
1895-1981

Robert H. Taggart
1923 - 1997



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	4/20	6:30pm	EASTER SUNDAY
		10:30am	Sunrise Service Battery Pier
		11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
			Easter Fair
Monday	4/21		EASTER MONDAY
			Office Closed / Brownies Due
Tuesday	4/22	9:00am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	4/23	12:00pm	Staff Lunch
		6:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	4/24		Deadline for Newsletter
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	4/26	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	4/27	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Night

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – SPECIAL OFFERING

We'll collect envelopes and Fish Banks today for OGHS. Each gift supports Presbyterian efforts to alleviate hunger, provide disaster response, and encourage the self-development of people. Online gifts can be made at: <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing>

WALK FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

On Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 AM, we will walk together in Battery Park. Sign up for a Friendship House team or make a donation here. www.walkforahealthycommunity.org Please let Amy Selheimer know if you'll be walking! amysel63@gmail.com or text: 302-584-0982



COLLECTION FOR BAYLOR

Mission and Outreach will be collecting gently used and/or new women's clothing for the Baylor Correctional Facility. These clothes are needed for when the women leave the facility or for colder temperatures where they need to wear layers to stay warm. You can drop off your donations to the CE Building - with the final collection date of Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day.

YOUNG(ish) WOMEN – MAY 4

Our fellowship group for women between age ~25 and 50 will gather on May 4 from 12-2pm for lunch fellowship. Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the email list.

PEOPLE WHO LUNCH – MAY 6

A new fellowship group is forming! The essential part is the availability to have lunch the first Tuesday of every month. If you need a ride, let us know. First get together is May 6th. If interested, call or text Eileen Larkin (302) 897-2552 or Miranda Matthews (302) 521-3140

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Please sign up to usher and serve as worship leader: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>



The Beautiful Easter Display of Flowers In the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God

Donald & MaryAnn Griffin	In Memory of Alicia Bondorant
Robert Graham	In Memory of Shirley Knox
Dan Knox	In Memory of Shirley
Karl Randall	In Memory of Barbara Sietz
Joan Appleby	In Memory of Bob Appleby
Beverly Stoudt	In Memory of Jim Stoudt
Nan Wallace	In Memory of Dear Friend Steve Houser
Jean Norvell	In Memory of Ronald Norvell, Esther Cole, Ellen Warren, William Warren, Edward Warren & Doris Kearton
Carol & Gene Mayhew	In Memory of Jeanne Archie, Mother of Cameron Archie who is Logan Clement's Partner (Granddaughter of Gene & Carol)
Pat & Dave Taylor	In Memory of Loved Ones
Chris & Rick Fagles	In Memory of Our Family & Friends
Molly & Dave Shaw	In Honor of Our Parents In Memory of Our Beloved Grandparents
Connie Reese	In Memory of Don Reese
Janet Spring	In Honor of Luca, Caroline and Michael Monzo, Marlow Scharf, Kate Spring
Earl Reed & Family	In Memory of Janet Reed In Memory of Loved Ones
Earl Reed	In Memory of Bill & Grace Werkheiser
Monty & Ellie Gerhart	In Memory of Loved Ones
Foltz Family	In Honor of the Congregation of NCPC
Lyn Briggs	In Memory of Shirley Knox
Conchita Showell	In Honor of the Foltz's & their Family
Gail & C.J. Seitz	In Memory of our Parents
Julie & Rob Barry	In Memory of our Friends Shirley, Kyle, Phil & Patrick
Karen Dobson & Family	In Memory of Erle (Buddy) Dobson, Ray & Janet Moore
Phee Price & Ken Boos	In Memory of our Beloved Parents, Siblings, Children & Pets
Rebecca & David Bechtel	In Memory of David Caccia (My Father)
Peter & Kelly McCurdy	In Honor & Memory of our Parents & other Loved Ones In Honor of Pastor Miriam Foltz & Family

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