



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 20, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

"Easter Morning"

Keith Atwater

Sanctuary Choir & Mission Bells

Ludwig von Beethoven

Easter morning, Easter morning, sunlight on an empty tomb
Life emerging, hope restoring, joyous daybreak, no more gloom!
Church bells ringing, people singing, fear and sadness gone away
Jesus living and forgiving, God renews the world today!

Children dancing, peace advancing, darkness, pain, and death at bay
Doubts have vanished, strength replenished, church triumphant, here to stay!
Hearts receive Him, we believe Him, once again our life made new
Easter morning, Easter morning, Love revealed on Earth, it's true!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Studer

Leader: The miracle of a new day arises.

People: The stone is rolling away.

Leader: Voices from within are calling.

People: The tomb is empty!

Leader: Love is alive.

People: Death cannot harm us.

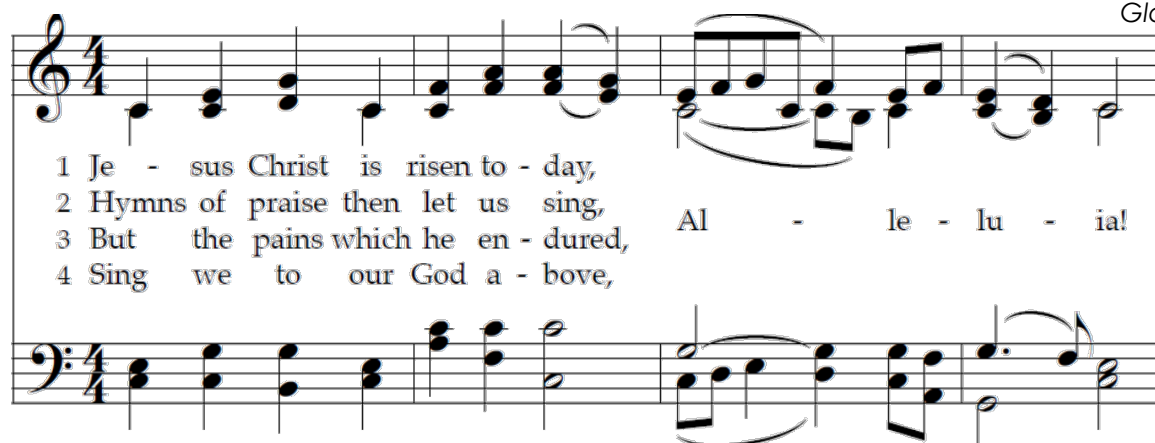
Leader: We are alive!

People: New life is within us.

Leader: Christ is with us!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

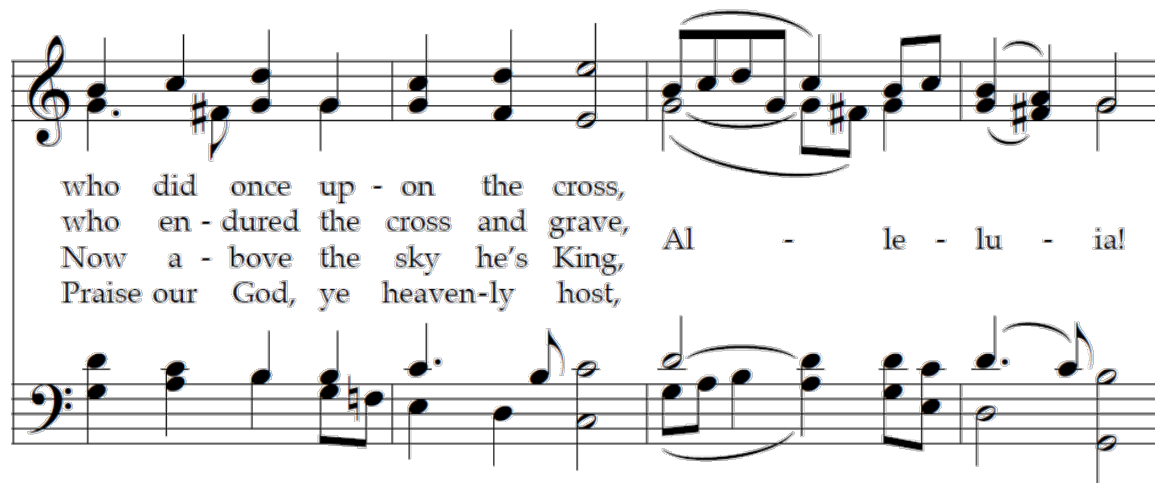
All: Alleluia!



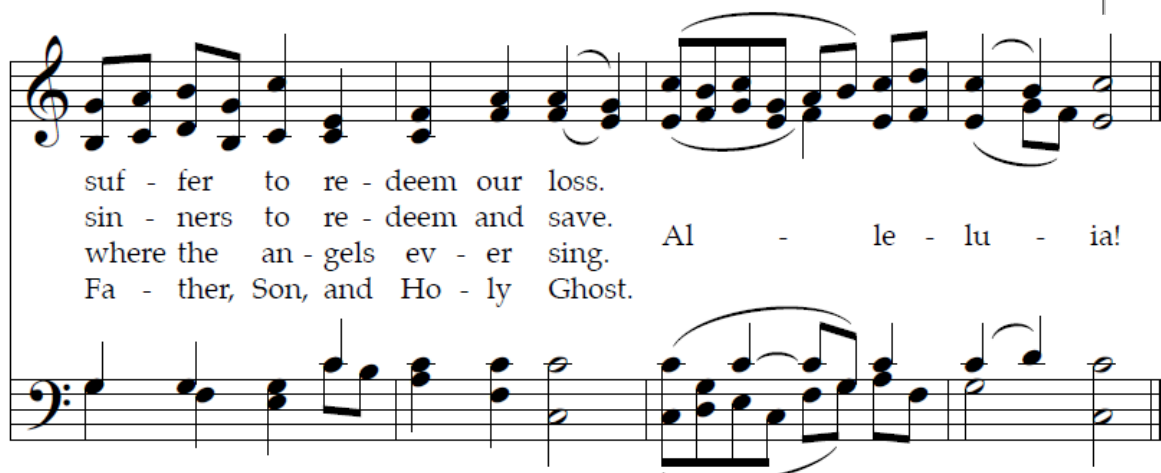
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



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.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Dave Studer

Leader: Confident in God's abundant and never-ending grace, let us speak the truth about our need for forgiveness and new life. Let us pray:

All: **Crucified and Risen One, the world is full of big nails and little nails we use on each other. We raise our siblings up on crosses of poverty and injustice. People who are close enough to touch are sealed in tombs of loneliness and despair. We confess our silence has often complied with oppression and brought harm. We fail to stop the crucifixions or roll away the stones. Transform us, Holy God, to live the truth of your resurrection and to share the liberation and new life you offer.**

silence

Leader: God's love for us is so powerful that sin and death cannot stop it. Love brought Christ out of the grave. Love brings us out of the shadow of death. Love calls us into a community that loves mercy and walks humbly with God.

People: **This is the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

No. 591

Glory to God

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! *Fine*

* SONG

"Mighty to Save"

Reuben Morgan & Ben Fielding

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations
Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave
So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures
And fill my life again
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in
Now I surrender, I surrender
Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world sing
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(All children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship.)

ANTHEM

"Love Brought Me Back"

Mark A. Miller

Sanctuary Choir

Fear and hatred had done their very worst,
Despair had had its day.
Sorrow and sadness were hanging in the air,
The gloom would not go away.
But early Sunday morning the women saw the Lord,
And you will hear him say,
"I'm back! Hallelujah, I'm back!
Don't you know that death could not hold me, Love is what owns me!
Just here to tell ya, God's got one last word,
"I'm back! Hallelujah, I'm back!
Don't you know that death could not hold me, Love is what owns me!
Just here to tell ya, God's got one last word
And that's love, love, love, love, love, love brought me back!
Does your life feel empty, things aren't going right,
The gloom won't seem to clear?
There is hope, forgiveness, and a bright new day,
God's love will cast out all fear.
Experience the power of the resurrected Christ,
And you will hear him say, I'm back!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

SERMON

Witness the Disappeared

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* SONG

"Your Love Awakens Me"

Phil Wickham & Chris Quilala

There were walls between us.
 By the cross You came and broke them down,
 You broke them down.
 And there were chains around us
 By Your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.
 You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.
 You called my name and then my heart came alive.
 Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
 Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
 Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
 Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
 Feel the darkness shaking,
 All the dead are coming back to life,
 I'm back to life.
 Hear the song awaken, all creation singing
 We're alive 'cause You're alive.
 You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.
 You called my name and then my heart came alive.
 Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
 Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
 Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
 Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
 And what a love we've found!
 Death can't hold us down. We shout it out;
 We're alive 'cause You're alive!
 And what a love we've found!
 Death can't hold us down. We shout it out;
 We're alive 'cause You're alive!

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: The heavens and earth rejoice! God raised Jesus from the dead and promised us everlasting life. Nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ. We praise you, O Holy One. We adore you. We celebrate our new life in Christ. Hear these prayers of your people for the power of resurrection to transform us and set us free.

In your mercy,

People: resurrect us, O God,

Pastor: from exhaustion and anxiety, great resignations, political divisions, gaslighting and culture wars.

In your mercy,

People: resurrect us, O God,

Pastor: from our tendencies to hoard and consume without thought of neighbor or planet, from our need to satisfy every craving, from our habit of stuffing ourselves beyond what is healthy or necessary.

In your mercy,

People: resurrect us, O God,

Pastor: from our thirst for violence, our rationalization of revenge, our disbelief in peace as a pragmatic path.

In your mercy,

People: resurrect us, O God,

Pastor: from all that lays waste to our souls, the messages that we are unworthy and incapable of becoming who you created us to be, denying imago dei in ourselves and others.

In your mercy,

People: resurrect us, O God,

Pastor: from doubts and depression, from hopelessness and despair, from painful waves of grief.

In your mercy,

People: resurrect us, O God,

Pastor: from the social evils that plague us, the injustice of poverty, racism, transphobia, homophobia, and xenophobia.

In your mercy,

People: resurrect us, O God.

Pastor: Living Christ, we praise you for opening the gates of everlasting life and leading us through the wilderness to this glorious day of hope. We are not lost. We are not alone. We welcome you, our Risen Savior.

Hear us now as we pray the prayer Christ taught us,

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Martin Smith

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Audio/Video: Kiyo Romais and David Stoffel

Music Director: Keith Atwater

Guest Organist: Jonathan Doram

Piano: Gabe Bisho

Drums: Will Condrey

Guitar: Michael Schwab

Vocalists: Tara Calderon, Beth Lindley, and Julie Ueltzen

