



April 25, 2021

Order of Worship  
10:30 am

## GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Largo  
Will Benton, organist

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

We are disciples of Jesus, the risen Christ. We are disciples on a path of faithfulness.

**We are not perfect, but being perfected; not learned, but learning;  
not graduates, but students in the school of discipleship.**

Come to worship, bringing thankful hearts, walking this path, running this race, following Jesus, a patient and loving leader.

**Lord, we bring ourselves to You.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 240

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:1-12

Pew Bible, N.T., page 113

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God, You are always with us. Your Spirit is working to encourage and strengthen us, and You send us out to serve You. We have professed that Your grace is sufficient for every need. Yet, we have doubted Your presence. We have wondered where You are in all that happens in this world. We have struggled with trusting wholeheartedly in Your love, power, and goodness to make a difference. We have failed to keep our hearts centered and our minds focused on the good news of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Forgive us. Turn us again toward You. Empower us. We are Your redeemed children, may we seek Your will. Through Christ we pray.**

(moment of silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, opening new possibilities of life for society and the world. Friends, in Christ we are forgiven and freed to serve God.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

Response No. 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

### Welcoming the Children

The children's bulletin is available on the plpc.org and the Park Lake Up2Date weekly email.

### Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 748, Tallis Canon

***Go with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day,  
That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.***

### Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18

Pew Bible, N.T., page 97

1 John 3:16

and page 226

### Sermon

Embodying Jesus

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed  
(Ecumenical Version)

(page 17 Glory To God hymnal)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Offertory

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Mark Hayes

### Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

### Hymn No. 246

Christ is Alive!

### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

Toccata  
Will Benton, organist

David Hegarty

# 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

*Refrain* E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name. *Fine*

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Now we shall live for - ev - er.  
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.


Now we shall live for - ev - er.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

# 582


## Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.