

May 22, 2022

Order of Worship 10:30 am



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Rev. Drs. Helen and Dan DeBevoise

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

It is Well With My Soul
Will Benton, organist

setting by Eleanor Whitsett

Choral Introit

Arise, Shine

Call to Worship (from John 14)

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you;

my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Let us worship God!

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn No. 246

Christ Is Alive!

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:9-15

pew Bible, N.T., page 127

Call to Confession (from John 14)

Jesus said, "Those who love me will keep my word...Whoever does not love me does not keep my words."

Jesus calls us to examine our shortcomings as measures of our love for him. Let us pray in unison and then individually in silence.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God who loves us, we want to follow You. We really do. But we struggle against competing values in the world and our own hearts. We want to win, we want to be right, we want perfect lives. Instead, You offer us peace that only comes from You. You promise us an Advocate, a Comforter, to teach us and remind us of You. Forgive our divided hearts and striving spirits. Open us to welcome the Comforter, the Advocate, Your Spirit.

(time of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

God has promised to love us and come to us and make God's home with us through his Son, Jesus Christ. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Response No. 837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

Following the time on the steps, children are invited to pick up a lap desk from the west side of the chancel and go sit on the floor near their families. This is PRAYground time. The children are provided with coloring and activity pages, as well as other supplies, allowing them to continue exploring today's gospel message.

Blessing of Children

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 14: 23-29

pew Bible, N.T. pg. 103

Sermon

What Jesus Leaves Behind

Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons

*Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life....
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all people to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Easter Rejoicing
Chancel Choir

Jonathan Willcocks

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn Insert

O Christ, We Trust Your Promise

(Tune: Hymn #504)

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Amen from A Ukrainian Prayer

John Rutter

Postlude

Improvisation on Great is Thy Faithfulness (reprise)
Will Benton, organist

Tony Hazleton

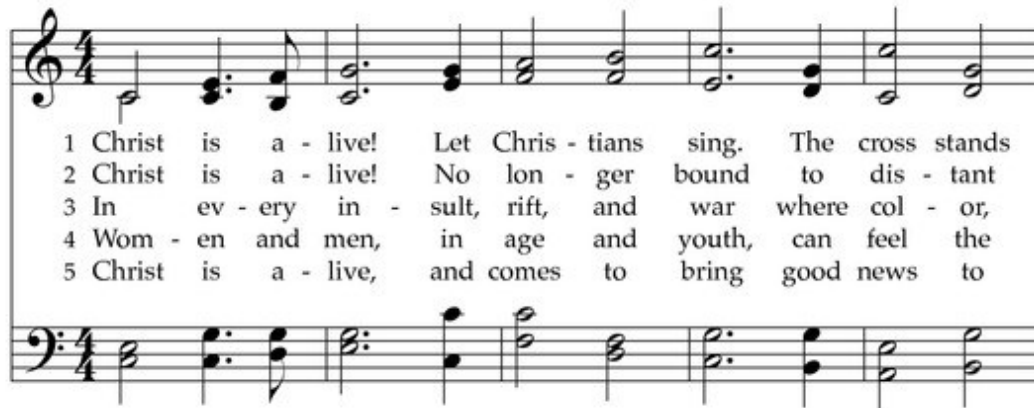
Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons. Linda is parish associate at Park Lake and is working toward licensure as a mental health counselor. Linda is married to David, and they are parents to two adult children, Mary Ella and Eric.

Assisting today in worship is Sue Thompson. Sue is currently serving on the Park Lake Session, Class of 2022.

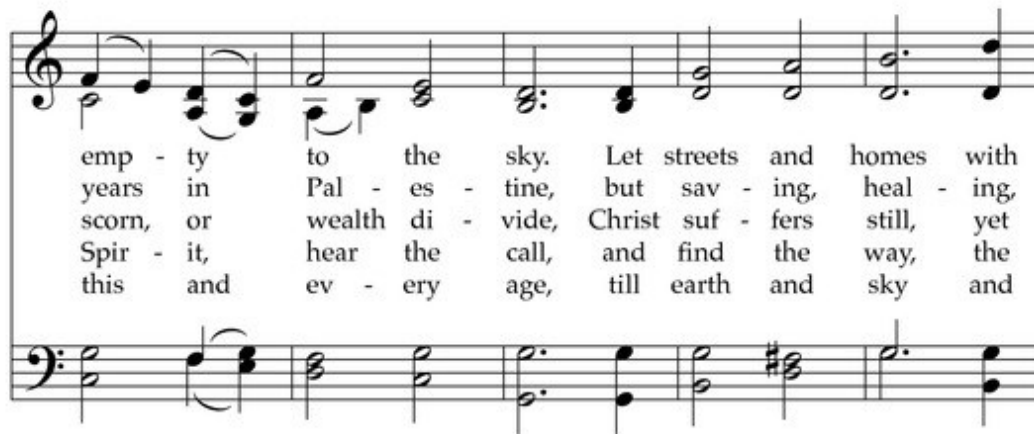
*stand in body or in spirit.

Christ Is Alive!

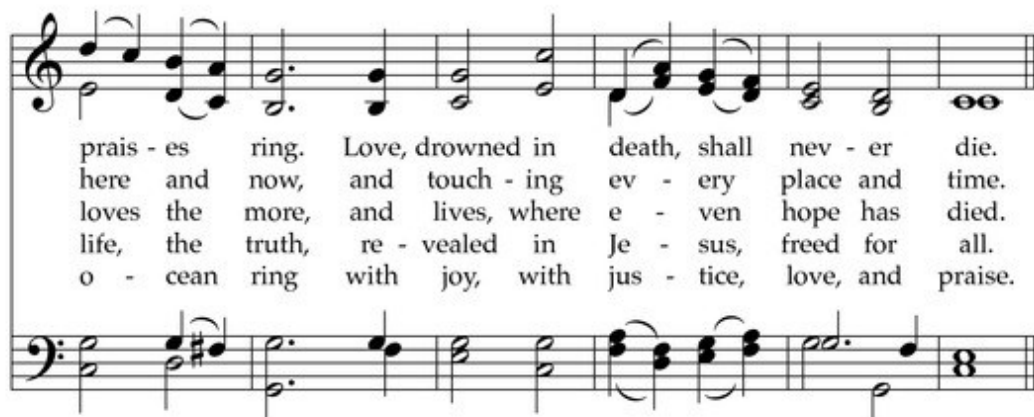
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and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



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - every 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.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

O Christ, We Trust Your Promise

(tune of Hymn No. 504)

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN 7.6.7.6 D ("We Come as Guests Invited")

O Christ, we trust your promise that we are not alone,
for God still dwells among us to make in us a home.
God gives the Holy Spirit to teach us how to be
a loving, faithful people, a new community.

We find a real assurance within the peace you give;
the Advocate God sends us now shows us how to live.
When we're afraid or anxious, when sin is all we see,
the Spirit builds among us a new community.

Your love is your commandment — both old and also new.
In this world's pain, it's urgent that we live love for you.
We're called to love and welcome the poor, the refugee —
to serve with them, creating a new community.

So when we seek direction, remind us what is true:
the Advocate is with us to help us follow you.
Christ, guided by the Spirit, may we your people be
A loving, faithful witness in this community.

Biblical Reference: John 14:23-29

Tune: Johann Steurlein, 1575 ("We Come as Guests Invited") [\(MIDI\)](#)

Alternate tune: AURELIA, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation") [\(MIDI\)](#)

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