



Easter Sunday Order of Worship

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Prelude

“This Joyful Eastertide”
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #284)

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing!”
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #270)

Toccata on “Christ Is Arisen”
Paul Fey

Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

Introit

“Worthy Is the Lamb”

Chancel Choir

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
and hath redeemed us to God by his blood,
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom,
and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing and honor, glory and pow’r
be unto him that sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb,
forever and ever, forever and ever.
from Messiah, George Frederick Handel, 1741

* Call to worship

based on Revelation 5

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: With his blood, Jesus Christ has ransomed men for God from every tribe
and language and people and nation.

All: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and
wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

* **Hymn of praise 277**, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia!
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music from Lyra Davidica, 1708; EASTER HYMN

* **Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith

based on 1 Peter 1:3–9

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: **He has given us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for us. We, through faith, are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Leader: In this we greatly rejoice, though now for a little while we may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that our faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

All: **Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. For we are receiving the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

Call to confession

from Romans 3:20–25

No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Colossians 1:19–22

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

* Hymn of assurance

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everliving Head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save.
He lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same.

What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! Amen.

text by Samuel Medley based on Job 19:25–26; music by John Hatton, DUKE STREET, arr. Craig Courtney, 2003

Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory

“All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding”

Chancel Choir



Choir: 1. All the earth with joy is sound - ing: Christ has ris - en
 2. Christ, the dev - il's might un - wind - ing, leaves be - hind his
 3. Je - sus, au - thor of sal - va - tion, shared in our hu -
 All: 4. Praise the Lord, his reign com - men - ces, reign of life and



from the dead! He, the great - er Jo - nah, bound - ing from the
 bor - rowed tomb. Strong - er, he, the strong man bind - ing, takes, dis -
 man - i - ty: crowned with ra - diant ex - al - ta - tion, now he
 lib - er - ty! Pas - chal Lamb, for our of - fen - ses, slain and



grave, his three - day bed. Wins the prize: death's de -
 arms, his house of doom: in the rout, cast - ing
 shares his vic - tor - ry! From his face shines the
 raised to set us free! Ev - er - more, bow be -



mise, songs of tri - umph fill the skies.
 out pow'rs of dark - ness, sin, and doubt.
 grace meant for all our cho - sen race.
 fore Christ, the Lord of life a - dore!

text by Stephen P. Starke, 1995; music by Herbert Howells, 1968, MICHAEL

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Amen.

* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

* Scripture reading from John 20:11-29

David Wharton

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around

and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for 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.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Three Appearances of the Resurrected Lord”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

The risen Lord Jesus leads us:

1. from grief to comfort. (vv. 11–18)

2. from fear to commission. (vv. 19-23)

3. from doubt to conviction. (vv. 24-29)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah*
George F. Handel

Hal - le-lu-jah! Hal - le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a 3-measure rest in both staves. The melody in the treble clef starts on G4 and moves through A4, B4, and C5. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu-jah! Hal-le-

The second system continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It starts with a 7-measure rest in the treble clef. The treble clef melody continues with notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The bass line continues with chords and moving lines.

lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! for the Lord

The third system continues the melody and bass line. It starts with a 10-measure rest in the treble clef. The treble clef melody continues with notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The bass line continues with chords and moving lines.

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God om-ni - po-tent reign - eth. Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-

This system contains measures 13, 14, and 15. The music is in a key with two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The vocal line starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

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lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! for the Lord God om-ni - po-tent

This system contains measures 16, 17, and 18. The vocal line has a quarter rest in measure 16, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and B4 in measure 17, and quarter notes C5, B4, and A4 in measure 18. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

19

reign - eth. Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le -

This system contains measures 19, 20, and 21. The vocal line has a quarter rest in measure 19, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and B4 in measure 20, and quarter notes C5, B4, and A4 in measure 21. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! for the Lord

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lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah!

God om-ni - po-tent reign - - eth. Hal-le-

Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah!

lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah!

Hal-le-lu - jah!

lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

for the Lord God om - ni - po - tent for the Lord God om - ni - po - tent

le - lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah!

le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah!

reign - eth. Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah!

reign - eth. Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-

for the Lord God om - ni - po - tent

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Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

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lu-jah! Hal - le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! The

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king-dom of this world is be - come the King-dom of our
is be - come
is be - come

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Lord, and of his Christ, and of his Christ;
and he shall reign for ev - er and

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and he shall reign for ev - er and ev -
ev - er, for ev - er and ev - er, and he shall

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and he shall reign for ev - er and
er, and he shall reign for ev - er and
reign, and he shall reign for ev - er, for

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ev - er, for ev - er and ev - er, for
ev - er, and he shall
ev - er, for ev - er, for ev - er and ev - er, for

50 ev - er and ev - er, King of kings, _____
 ev - er and ev - er, King of kings, _____

8 reign for ev-er and ev - er, for ev-er, and
 ev - er, for ev-er and ev - er, for ev-er, and

53 _____ and Lord of lords, _____
 _____ and Lord of lords, _____

ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! for ev-er, and

56 _____ King of kings, _____
 _____ King of kings, _____

ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! for ev-er and

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and Lord of lords,

ev - er, Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! for ev - er and

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King of kings,

ev - er, Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! for ev - er and

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and Lord of lords, and Lord of

ev - er, Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! King of kings, and Lord of

69 lords, and he shall reign, and

lords, and he shall reign and he shall

lords, and he shall reign, and he shall reign,

lords, and he shall reign for ev - er and ev - er,

72 he shall reign for ev - er and ev - er,

reign for ev - er and ev - er, King of

and he shall reign for ev - er and ev - er, King of

and he shall reign for ev - er and ev - er, King of

75 forev-er and ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-

kings, for ev-er and ev-er, and Lord of lords, Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-

kings, and Lord of lords,

kings, for ev-er and ev-er, and Lord of lords, Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-

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lu-jah! And he shall reign for ev - er, for ev - er and ev - er,

lu-jah! and he shall reign for ev - er and ev - er, King of
and he shall reign for ev - er, for ev - er and ev - er,

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kings! and Lord of lords! King of kings! and Lord of lords! And

kings! and Lord of lords! King of kings! and Lord of lords! And
and he shall

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he shall reign for ev - er and ev - er, for ev - er, and

he shall reign for ev - er and ev - er, for ev - er, and
King of
reign for ev - er and ev - er, and ev - er,

89 kings! and Lord of lords!

ev - er, for ev - er, and ev - er, Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-

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lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

* Benediction

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude

Toccata from Symphony 5
Charles-Marie Widor

Musicians for this week:

Alayna Bowers – trumpet
Joy Gibbons – choral director
Joshua Knight – organ
Eric Miller – trombone

Jacqueline Miller – trombone
Nate Oster – timpani
Terry Schwartz – trumpet

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EASTER CROSS in the courtyard is given in loving memory of Flora H. Walldorf and Dick Fowler by Catherine and Charlie Walldorf. You are welcome to place your own flowers in the cross or to use one of the flowers provided at the foot of the cross.

YOUNG ADULTS (ages 23-40), come meet at Oddstory on Thursday, April 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for an evening of games and food. Bring your kids! Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 28, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2027. A brochure about the candidates will be available electronically and in print closer to the date of the meeting.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/events.

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Michael Czarick, Jr. by Patricia Czarick and family

Atticus Bartholomew Centurion Doe by the Doe family and Judy and Tony Pepper

Azalee Eaves by Haley and Eric Dempsey

Konnie Erickson by Dave Erickson and Greta and Marc Erickson

Cori Fordice by Judy and Tony Pepper

Liza and Marshall Goree by Dottie and Frank Brock

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Evelyn and C. H. Halvorson by Marni and Steve Halvorson

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Jan Shoffner by Jan and Tory Johnston and family
Doug Sizemore by Evelyn Sizemore and Stephanie, Mike, and JD Nadeja
Drake Smisson by the Smisson and Woodruff families
Jeff Stroud by Merrile and John Stroud
Susan Donnovin Sutter by Anne and Joe Donnovin
Ellen Thompson by the Thompson family
Mr. and Mrs. Wade Thorley by Joann and John Tolson
Mr. and Mrs. John Tolson, Sr. by Joann and John Tolson
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