



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday April 7, 2024
The Second Sunday of Easter
We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

"Jesus came and stood among them and said "Peace be with you."

John 20:26

Prelude: O Sons and Daughters of the King

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

*Processional Hymn: *Christ is alive*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Arshida Taghizadeh

L.: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

P: Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.

L.: We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

P: Doubts can be erased and uncertainty turned to faith.

L.: Let us rejoice and be glad!

P: We offer our worship and praise with humble, hopeful hearts.

L.: Let us worship God!

Choir Introit: Alleluia Fanfare

Bob Burroughs (b. 1935)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: **Thank You Jesus For The Blood**

I was a wretch, I remember who I was

I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time

Sin separated, the breach was far too wide

But from the far side of the chasm

You had me in Your sight

So You made a way across the great divide
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed
Broke my chains, freed my soul
For the first time I had hope

CHORUS:

*Thank You Jesus for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light
You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin
You were buried for three days
But then You walked right out again
And now death has no sting and life has no end
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb*

CHORUS

**There is nothing stronger
Than the wonder working power
Of the blood, the blood
That calls us sons and daughters
We are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood, the blood (REPEAT BRIDGE)**

CHORUS

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Heather-Ann Lowry

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Reading: Psalm 30:1-6; 11-12 Alireza Taghizadeh

- ¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
- ² **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**
- ³ O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
- ⁴ **Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**
- ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

**⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”**

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,

**¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

New Testament: John 20:19-31

NT p. 115

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo: God is Ever Our Sun and Shield

Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)
sung by Zhenyi Li

Sermon: Behind Closed Doors

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *Heaven Came Down*

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O what a wonderful, wonderful day, day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Saviour I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend, He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling, He made all the darkness
depart.

Chorus:

***Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
(filled my soul)***

***When at the cross the Saviour made me whole; (made me
whole)***

***My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day,
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!
(filled my soul)***

Born of the Spirit with life from above into God's family divine,
Justified fully thru Calvary's love, O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made, when as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer, of grace He did proffer, He saved me, O praise His
dear name!

Chorus

Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure there in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day, when at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal, from His precious hand I
received.

Chorus

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

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*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord*

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We are Sent Out as God's People

*Charge and Benediction

*Musical Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

Postlude: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

** if you are able, please stand*

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshipping here with us today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. You are invited to fill out a pew card.

**** We welcome all children in worship. If you need to take a child out during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby. Alternatively for children 5 years old and under, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing where the service can still be heard. Our ushers are available to assist you. Children must be accompanied by an adult relative.**

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.

*Please feel free to appreciate the Postlude
at the end of the service!
If you do leave the sanctuary during the postlude,
please do so quietly. Thank you!*



Sunday School Classes!

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time. **All children grades 1-6 are welcome.**



Reception of New Members

In the coming weeks we will be receiving new members.

If you wish to become a member, please contact the church office or speak to Rev. Heather.

We are setting a table for the world, and you're invited!



Join us on **Saturday April 27th** for a multicultural potluck dinner at 5:30pm.

Everyone is encouraged to prepare a dish of cultural significance to share.

Sign up will be taken in the lobby on April 7, 14, & 21.

Speak with a member of the Congregational Life Committee for more information.

TPC's 175th Anniversary Year!

The year 2024 marks our congregational 175th Anniversary.

There will be many great opportunities to celebrate.

Please circle **Sunday May 26th** on your calendar for our Anniversary Celebration.

May 26th is also our **Great Day Capital Campaign.**

Our project this year is to raise money for the restoration of the Manse.



We are in need of volunteers to help run the **sound system on Sunday mornings.**

It is not complicated.

Speak to Abel.

If Abel is able, you can be able too!

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday April 7, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room
11:00 am Worship Service – The Second Sunday of Easter

Tuesday April 9, 2024

10:00 am ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall and Conference Room
7:30 pm Session Meeting – Zoom

Thursday April 11, 2024

7:30 pm Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Sunday April 14, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room
11:00 am Worship Service – The Third Sunday of Easter

Join the Online Directory!

We do have an online directory and want you all to be part of it!

It's a great way to know each other and, also have contact information when needed.

First step is to ensure that Nadine in the office has your email.

If the office has your email, you can then go to instantchurchdirectory.com. Click on the bars on the top right, and then scroll down on member log in. Then follow the directions.

You can also download the Instant Church Directory on your phone or tablet.

On a regular basis we will try and take your picture after church if you don't have one in the directory or would like to update yours.

Alternatively, you can send a picture to Abel Pandey (abelpandy@rogers.com) and he will upload it for you.

Any questions, feel free to contact Abel.

Hymn

Christ is alive

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Refrain:

***Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to his name.***

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the King of creation:

Refrain

Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen:

Refrain

We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live forever:

Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour:

Refrain