

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

10:00 AM

PRELUDE *(Andy Chen, Trumpet)*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Worship Committee, Tuesday (4/11) at 7 PM.
- Men's Breakfast at Robin Hood, Wednesday (4/12) at 8:30 AM.
- In-Reach/Outreach Committee, Wednesday (4/12) at 10 AM.
- Sharing Session: "Life on Two Wheels, Part 2" with John Dwyer, Wednesday (4/12) at 2 PM.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Christ is Risen!

MANY: Christ is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

ONE: On this day we celebrate resurrection.

**MANY: The power of life has overcome the power of death.
Hallelujah!**

ONE: The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.

MANY: Hallelujah!

ONE: The way of peace has prevailed against the violence of empire.

MANY: Hallelujah!

ONE: We come to worship the God whose resurrection power lives on in the Christ we serve.

MANY: Hallelujah!

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is ris'n today,

Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day,

Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross,

Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss.

Alleluia!

**Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!**

But the pains which he endured,

Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured.

Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King,

Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing.

Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above,

Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love.

Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host,

Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ has risen, and we have risen to new life with him. Yet we must confess the ways we have continued to remain in our tombs of sin and death.

Living Lord, when we stand before the empty tomb we don't always feel the joy of resurrection. We feel fear, doubt, and distrust. We feel empty. Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life. Forgive our doubt of your love. Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan. Fill our emptiness with your glorious light. Raise us to abundant new life for the glory of your name.

(We pause for a moment of silent, personal confession.)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Wake up, sleeper! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Sisters and brothers, Christ has forgiven our sins. Christ calls us to new life. Christ will lead us into righteousness.

MANY: Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me *GLORY TO GOD*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

SECOND READING

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

Contagious

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee;
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Roll That Stone Away



Patricia Mock

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!

Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.

Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;

Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

EASTER SENDING

... He is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. David Lasky

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is written by Joanna Harader and posted on her Spacious Faith blog.
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/04/call-to-worship-for-easter-sunday.html>

The **Prayer of Confession** and **Assurance of Pardon** are written by Greg Scheer,
<http://www.gregscheer.com>

The **Easter Sending** is written by Roddy Hamilton and posted on the New Kilpatrick Parish Church website. <https://www.nkchurch.org.uk/original-liturgy>

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