

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

EASTER

April 20, 2025

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andy Chen

- No CLGs today
- Wed. 9:00 Women's Breakfast at Manny's Restaurant
- Wed. 7:00 pm Session

INTROIT: LOW IN THE GRAVE HE LAY

Low in the grave He lay
Jesus, my Saviour
Waiting the coming day
Jesus, my Lord

Up from the grave He arose (He arose)
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes (He arose)
He arose a victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose (He arose)
He arose (He arose)
Hallelujah
Christ arose

Vainly they watch His bed
Jesus, my Saviour
Vainly they seal the dead
Jesus, my Lord

Up from the grave He arose (He arose)
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes (He arose)
He arose a victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose (He arose)
He arose (He arose)
Hallelujah
Christ arose

Death cannot his prey
Jesus, my Saviour (My Saviour)
He tore the bars away
Jesus, my Lord

Up from the grave He arose (He arose)
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes (He arose)
He arose a victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose (He arose)
He arose (He arose)
Hallelujah
Christ arose

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The silence breaks into morning.

Many: That One Star lights the world.

One: The lily springs to life and not even Solomon...

Many: Let it begin with singing and never end!

One: Oh, angels, quit your lamenting!

Many: Oh, pilgrims, upon your knees in tearful prayers,

One: Rise up and take your hearts and run!

Many: We who were no people are named anew God's people,

One: For he who was no more is forevermore.

Many: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn #232: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 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!

3 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!

4 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!

Littany of Confession

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us.

When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see, forgive us.

When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us.

Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!' and grant us faith to believe.

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Do not dwell on your grief, your doubt or your wounds any longer: for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now. Christ has risen to forgive us.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Hymn #238: Thine is the Glory

1 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.

Refrain:

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

2 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. [Refrain]

3 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. [Refrain]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 20:19-31

SERMON: “The Power of Jesus’ Resurrection Rev. Chuck Arnold

***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.

Hymn #462: I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERATORY ANTHEM:

Alleluia, Jesus is King!

Arr. H. Wright

DOXOLOGY (#606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is 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, forever. Amen.

Hymn #233: The Day of Resurrection

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful;
let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

D. Lasky

WORSHIP NOTES:

Reverend Charles (Chuck) Arnold was born in New York City and grew up in northern New Jersey. He served 40 years in the military in the United States Marine Corps (with deployments to Cuba and Vietnam) and the New Jersey National Guard. He has also worked in mental health for the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Presently, he is the “on call” pastor at the Washington Crossing Veterans Cemetery and serves as a Chaplain at the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Yardley. As of February 2025, Chuck has completed 60 years serving in a military capacity. Pastor Chuck received his initial Pastoral Recognition in 1986. In 2011 he received his formal Ordination at Crossing Community church. He served at Grace Point church in Newtown from 2014-2021 as Pastor of Care Ministries. Chuck and his wife Annette have three grown children and three grandchildren. Chuck enjoys baseball, traveling and running 5K races.

WORSHIP NOTES (cont'd):

We thank **Andy Chen** for serving as our liturgist this morning.

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