



everything [in] between

grief & hope

*With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones,
where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love
by word and deed to all people.*

Based on I Peter 2:5, 6

We give God thanks for April Alston, who joined our staff on 4/22/14.

The Worship of God

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Easter Prelude

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
GBC Handbell Choir

LLANFAIR
arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

"'Jesus Shall Reign' with "
'Crown Him with Many Crowns'"
Christian McIvor, Steve Rose, and Pam Weis

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

"Jesus Is Coming"
GBC Worship Band

Words and Music by Dennis Beckwith

"All Hail the Power"
James Tatum and Pam Weis

arr. James Curnow

"Lift High the Cross"
GBC Handbell Choir

CRUCIFIER
by Sydney H. Nicholson arr. Lloyd Larson

Easter Proclamation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Welcome

† Call to Worship

Christian McIvor

One: Friends,
We have known grief.
We have known loss.
We have known the long road, tired and winding.
We have whispered prayers on bended knees.
We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.
But today—

All: today we know hope.

One: Today we know life.

All: Today we know the sound of Alleluias.

One: Today we know that death does not have the last word.

All: Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

One: It is Easter.

May hope find you.
And may you know, deep in your bones,
that today is a new day.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

† Processional Hymn

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS
Words by Edmond Louis Budry
trans. R. Birch Hoyle (alt.)
Music by George Frederick Handel

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.

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)

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)

Baptism

Sumner Eshleman and Cory Brown

Children's Sermon

April Alston

Musical Reflection

“Easter Alleluias”

by Jaques Berthier,
Fintan O'Carroll, and Howard Hughes

Call to Confession

April Alston

Prayer of Confession

One: The Gospel of Luke says: “It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles of the resurrection. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb.”

All: **Forgive us, God,**
when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.
Forgive us, God,
when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.

**Forgive us, God,
when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.**

One: In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.

**All: Show us how to hold onto hope.
Show us how to run toward you. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

One: Family of Faith,
At first, the disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen. They stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid. Peter was the only exception. Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.

**All: God's grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we're grieving,
when we're shouting and when we're silent,
when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear.
God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days,
and every day in between.
Thanks be to God for this good news!
Alleluia! Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

"Easter Alleluia"
GBC Choir

Words and Music by Tony Alonso

✠Easter Doxology

LAMB OF GOD
Words by G.W. Dub Shepherd
Music by Twila Paris

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing!
Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death
And given life eternal breath.
(Repeat)**

✠Prayer of Dedication

Sammy Roberts

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Grief & Hope

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

†Hymn of Response #357

“Christ Arose”

Low in the grave He lay– Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day– Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain:

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 Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead– Jesus, my Lord! (Refrain)

Death cannot keep his prey– Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away– Jesus, my Lord! (Refrain)

Family Dedication

The Brown Family

Celebrating Community

Anna Beth Cross

†Sending Song

“Everything in Between” (Chorus)

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Everything in between stretches our understanding,
Showing us what it means to share in God’s love expanding.
In this space with hearts unbound is where communion can be found;
Everything in between is holy ground.

†Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”
Christian Mclvor and Pam Weis

by Henry Purcell
arr. Sue Mitchel-Wallace
and John H. Head

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