



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, April 18, 2021)

**BOLD TYPE IS SPOKEN BY THE CONGREGATION**

Prelude:

**The VOICE**

Stanton Lanier

*“Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.” - Charles Wesley  
1739*

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship**

Andy Clay, Liturgist

Please join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**we rejoice and are glad in it!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**Opening Hymn:** "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone!

Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay:

Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea--

Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us lay open our hearts before God. Let us pray. .

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we hold grudges, put our own needs ahead of others, and judge us as if we know the truth of the human heart. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us the truth, abide in and with us, and call us forward that our lives may show our love for Jesus, in whose name we pray.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen.**

**Response: REFRAIN: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his name.**

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

**(REFRAIN)**

## Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Children's Time

### Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

**Holy God, send your Spirit upon the reading and proclamation of your scripture that it may show us the path of life, lead us into your presence, and ignite our hearts with the desire to embody your truth and love in all we do. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:35-48

<sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. <sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn After Sermon:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see,  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Call to the offering

(Liturgist)

Embodying the truth and love of Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves and our gifts, so that the healing, hope and help of God's kingdom may spread throughout our community and our world. Please pray with me the prayer of dedication:

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Thank you, gracious God, for the privilege of sharing what we have with others, as a tangible sign of our joy and gratitude for the life, love and truth given to us in Jesus Christ. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer 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 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.**

**Closing Hymn:**      “Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

Benediction

Postlude:            ***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***            Glaser/Birchwood

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!  
Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
The mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.  
To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, guitar,  
David Maley, piano, Andy Clay, liturgist, and Jon Jelsma, technology team