

David's United Church of Christ
March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Online Worship Bulletin



Prelude – “Deep Wondrous Love” arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Tim Williams, Music Director

Choral Introit – “The Lord is Near to Those Who Call Upon Him” Hal Hopson

Welcome & Announcements – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” (See below for Lyrics)

Call to Worship – *Howard Sizek*

One: Sometimes we are dry bones people, a people without hope.

Many God raises us from living graves and fills us with Spirit.

One: Sometimes we are cut off from one another, and our sources of joy are dried up.

Many: God makes a home for us with one another where we live with celebration.

One: Sometimes we come to worship aimless and fearful

Many: God gives hope, strange dreams, the promise of life.¹

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment – *Steve Roark*

Mission Moment –

Invitation for Support – [**www.davidsucc.org**](http://www.davidsucc.org)

Offertory Music – “Somebody's Knocking at Your Door” arr. Pepper Choplin

Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**
 Praise Christ all creatures here below.
 Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter.
 One God Triune whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn – “Hymn of Promise” (see lyrics below)

Canticle – Psalm 130 (adapted from The Message)

One: Help me, God – the bottom has fallen out of my life!

Many: Master, hear our cry for help! Listen hard! Open your ears! Listen to our cries for mercy.

One: If you, God, kept a record of wrongdoings, who would stand a chance?

Many: It turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you are worshipped.

One: I pray to God – my life a prayer – and wait for what God will say and do.

Many: My life's on the line before God, my Lord, waiting and watching till morning, waiting and watching till morning.

One: O people of God, wait and watch for God – with God's arrival comes love, with God's arrival comes generous redemption.

Many: No doubt about it, God will redeem us, buy back the people of God from captivity to sin.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **God, you seek us and we flee. You offer us an easy yoke, and we tie ourselves up with cares and burdens. You forgive us, and we hoard our complaints against our sisters and brothers. Give us conversion that turns us toward the light; teach us a repentance alive in works of love; lead us into the narrow path; guide us through the valley of the shadow. Call us to follow Jesus Christ and in his way to live and suffer, die and rise again. Amen.**¹

Words of Assurance

Prayers of God's People, Silent Prayers & Our Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem – "When Jesus Wept" William Billings, arr. Gilbert Martin

Scriptures – Hebrew – Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Epistle – Romans 8: 6-11

Gospel – John 11: 1-45

Sermon – "Can These Bones Live?" *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – "Lord of the Dance" (see lyrics below)

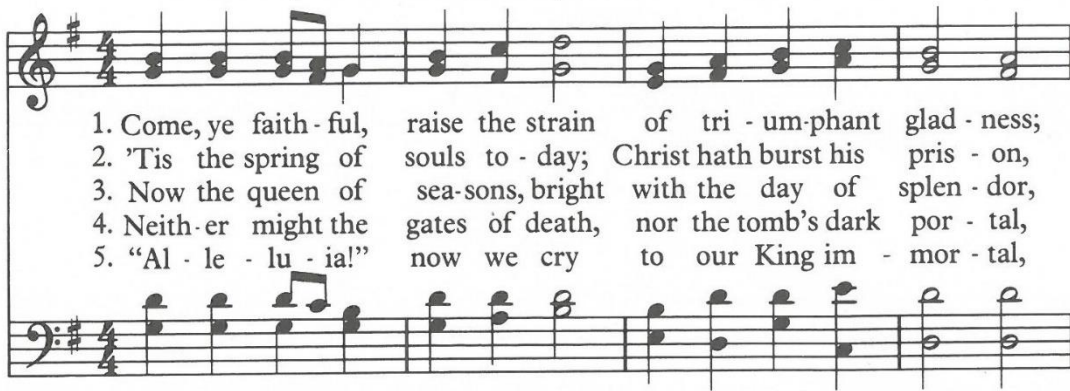
Benediction

Benediction Response – "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" arr. Hal Hopson

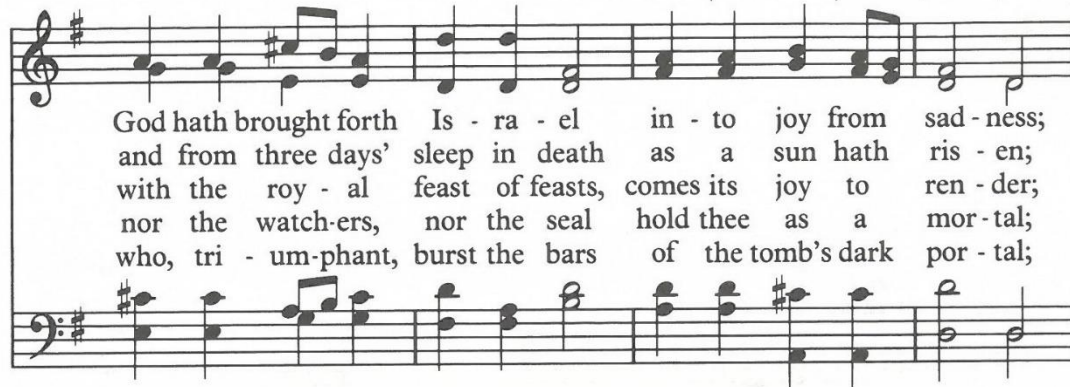
Postlude – "Adoration" arr. John Leavitt

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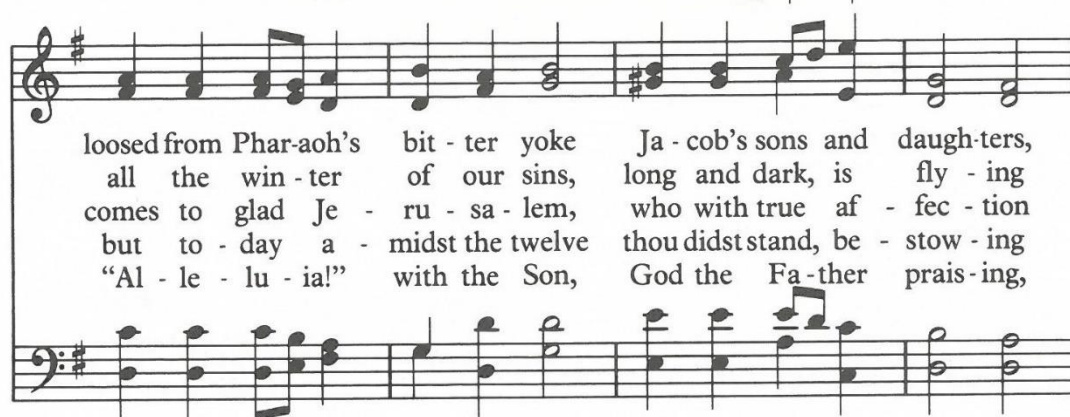
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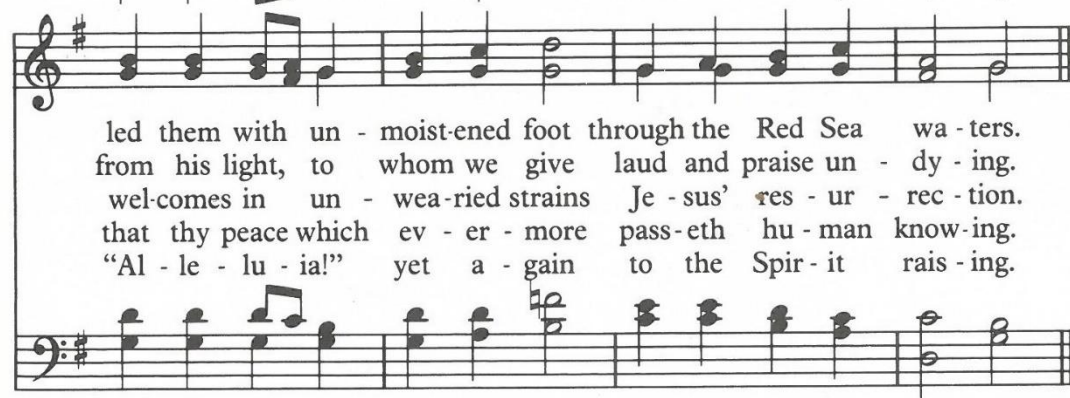
1. Come, ye faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to-day; Christ hath burst his pris-on,
 3. Now the queen of sea-sons, bright with the day of splen-dor,
 4. Neith-er might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por-tal,
 5. "Al-le-lu-ia!" now we cry to our King im-mor-tal,



God hath brought forth Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris-en;
 with the roy-al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren-der;
 nor the watch-ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor-tal;
 who, tri-um-phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por-tal;



loosed from Phar-aoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters,
 all the win-ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly-ing
 comes to glad Je-ru-sa-lem, who with true af-fec-tion
 but to-day a-midst the twelve thou didst stand, be-stow-ing
 "Al-le-lu-ia!" with the Son, God the Fa-ther prais-ing,



led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un-dy-ing.
 wel-comes in un-wea-ried strains Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion.
 that thy peace which ev-er-more pass-eth hu-man know-ing.
 "Al-le-lu-ia!" yet a-gain to the Spir-it rais-ing.

WORDS: John of Damascus; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1859 (Ex. 15)
 MUSIC: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1872

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Hymn of Promise

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
 2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i - ty;

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev-ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,
 In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

WORDS: Natalie Sleeth, 1986
 MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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Lord of the Dance

Unison G Em Bm Em

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar-i-see, but they
 3. I danced on the sab-bath when I cured the lame, the
 4. I danced on a Fri-day and the sky turned black; it's
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,

Am D7

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 would not dance and they would not fol-low me; I
 ho-ly peo-ple said it was a shame; they
 hard to dance with the dev-il on your back; they
 I am the life that -'ll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll

G Em Bm Em

came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John; they
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they
 bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me;

Am D7 C G Refrain G Bm

Beth-le-hem I had my birth.
 came to me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher-
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Em G

ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Am D G C G D7

Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher-ev-er you may

G C D7 G C G

be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.