



**Faith United
Presbyterian
Church**
in Farmers Branch

*Glorify God, grow disciples, and
meet the needs of our neighbors.*



...Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. John 20: 19b - 20

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The risen Lord is here. Peace be with you.

People: **How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy God has given us a new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

People: **Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the Lord who was and is and is to come.**

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

GTG 245

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The only person we fool when we say we have no sin, is ourselves. When we confess our sin, the One who is faithful and just promises to forgive us and make us whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God who has created and is still creating new life, we have set up our universe so well and so carefully. We tune our attention in echo chambers of self-affirmation that allow us to always be the heroes of the story. Lord, have mercy upon us in our arrogant ignorance. Oppression, marginalization, rejection, racism, and plain hate still plague our communities. We have struggled to see your love and light. Continue to open our eyes and to transform our hearts into the eyes and heart of Christ, that in our repentance would be the fruit of the Spirit bringing glory to your name, through Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for your sin, my sin, the sin of the whole world.

May we abide in Christ in the power of the Spirit to be people of love, peace and justice.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

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.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

We Know That Christ Is Raised

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Katia Dinas, accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

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1 John 1:1-2:2

SERMON

"Resurrected Connectedness"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession, 3.10

We undoubtedly believe, since it was impossible that the sorrows of death should retain in bondage the Author of life, that our Lord Jesus crucified, dead, and buried, who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification, and the destruction of him who was the author of death, and brought life again to us who were subject to death and its bondage.

HYMN OF MEDITATION

Christ Is Alive!

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TRURO

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you**

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love and the presence of the living Lord among us.

By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

In Christ There Is No East or West

GTG 318

ST. PETER

CHARGE

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

COVID-19 Update! We continue to worship online. Remember, keep connected to each other through phone calls, emails, and texts! If you are aware of anyone who needs something, please let Pastor Ken know.

We now have online giving available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smartphone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like the **One Great Hour of Sharing** during Lent and Easter. **You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.**



We have put it off as long as we can. It's time to replace the roof on the garage. We anticipate there will be damage underneath the roof that will also need to be addressed. The garage remains an important storage facility for the church. At this time, we will not be repairing the inside of the upstairs floor. However, we anticipate that Iglesia Emmanuel might have an interest to repair the room to be used as a youth room. Please consider giving a gift above and beyond your pledge to help with this unexpected expense. The Session is anticipating the cost will be \$7500. If you are able to give, you can send a check to the church, noting the **Garage Project**. Or, you can give to the **Garage Project Fund** through the website or scan the QR code above for online giving. Thank you in advance for your gift!



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We are ready to receive your **One Great Hour of Sharing** Special Offering until 4/15. By supporting this offering, you are sustaining programs that provide disaster relief, food, clean water, training, and resources to people all over the world. When you give, you change lives. Mark "for OGHS" in the memo section of your check. We are ready to receive your offering via mail, 12717 Marsh Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75234 or online (see above).

Our thanks to musicians in worship!

David Pierce, Director of Music

Caroline Busselberg, vocals
Jessica Stottlemeyer, vocals
Kyle Feather, vocals
Rich Lewis, vocals

Natasha Wroblewski, vocals
Patti Sloey, vocals
Malcolm Payne, vocals
Brian Hotchkiss, vocals

Mary Marxer, vocals
Shanae Kemp, vocals
Jeremy Rohwer, vocals
Katia Dinas, accompanist

PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz
Dennis Van Deventer
Kathie Heffler
George Walker

Roger Jones
Mike Jones
David Duell

Homebound/Rehab: Freddie Simmons

The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken, Brenda Swindle, and David Pierce are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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OPENING Hymn

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,


Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.


HYMN of MEDITATION

Christ Is Alive!


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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968, rev. 1995

MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

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TRURO


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HYMN of DEDICATION

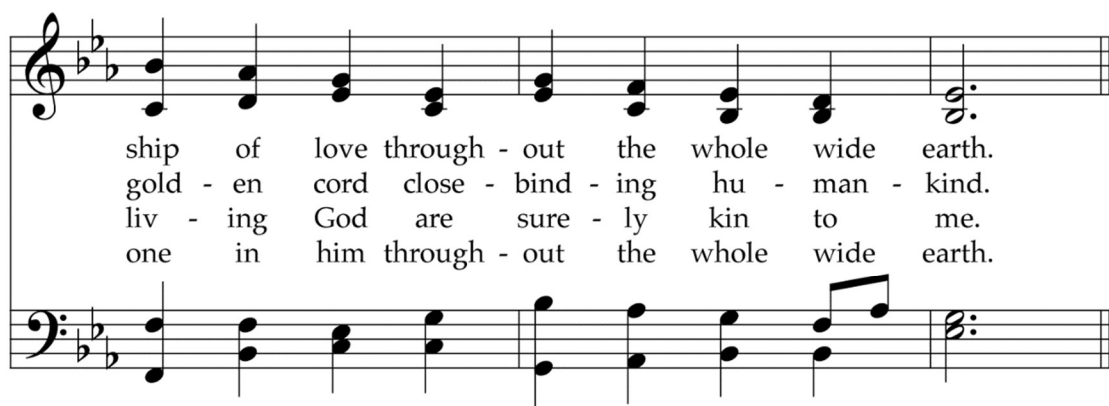
In Christ There Is No East or West 318



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in



him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.