



Faith United
Presbyterian
Church
in Farmers Branch

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



3rd Sunday
of Easter
April 18, 2021

*Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ... He said to them,
"Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" Luke 24:36b - 38*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: See what love God has given us, that we should be called children of God.

People: **The Lord has put gladness in our hearts.**

Leader: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

People: **With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

OPENING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!

GTG 233

LANCASHIRE

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have heard what was written about Jesus in Scripture: how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day; how, through his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sin is now possible for all who repent. So let us boldly approach the throne of God, where there is grace and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God who creates, saves and sustains, Jesus embodied your unconditional love. We pray that we would be more like Jesus. Jesus fed those who were hungry. We pray that we would be more like Jesus. Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and those excluded. We pray that we would be more like Jesus. Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need. We pray that we would be more like Jesus. Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness. We pray that we would be more like Jesus. God of resurrection, speak your peace to our hearts, touch us with healing, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, forgiveness of sins is real and sure; we are raised to new life in Christ, forgiven, healed and made whole. We are becoming more and more like Christ each day.

Let us live joyfully as God's people, saints and instruments of God's way, in the power of the Spirit.

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

The Name of Jesus

Craig Courtney

Katia Dinas, accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:12-19

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-48

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"Witnesses to Grace and Love"

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of Belhar, 10.5

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

HYMN OF MEDITATION

Fairest Lord Jesus

GTG 630

CRUSADERS' HYMN

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

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel, through Christ. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

GTG 240

ALLELUIA NO. 1

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!



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	Roger Jones
Dennis Van Deventer	Mike Jones
Kathie Heffler	David Duell
George Walker	

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

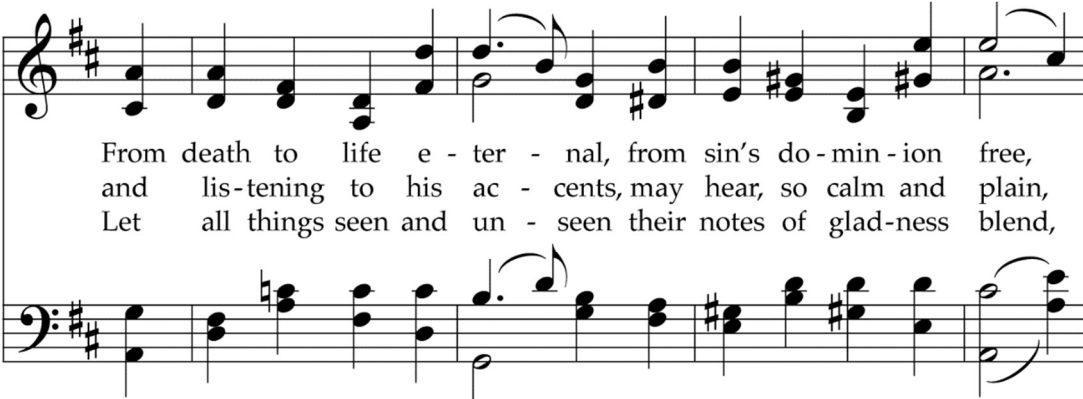
233 The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

HYMN of MEDITATION

630

Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

HYMN of DEDICATION

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

Fine
al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B
1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.