



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

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Songs Without Words, Op. 19, No. 1

Katia Dinas

Felix Mendelssohn

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Lloyd Yost, Lay Liturgist

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

People: **Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

Leader: The One who is seated on the throne will shelter and deliver us.

People: **The Lamb at the center of the throne is our shepherd and he will guide us to springs of the water of life and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

◆ OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

GTG 245

LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

We so easily hear the voices of idolatry and self-interest and turn away from the One who brings goodness and mercy. Let us come to our God, who longs to anoint us with forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God who shepherds us, how long will we continue to live the way we do? We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather around to watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and loss are pushed aside. Yet, O Gracious God you refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery; you offer it without any hesitation. You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice. May the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ follow us all the days as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: God will lead us into places of hope; God will give us the waters of life to strengthen us; God will be with us in every moment, in every place of our lives, in life and in death.

Anointed with grace, fed with joy and wonder, we offer blessing and thanksgiving to the One who forgives us now and forever. Amen.

◆ 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

Laud and Magnify His Glorious Name

Edwin Earle Ferguson

Katia Dinas, pianist

*Praise the Lord, ye heav'ns adore him, praise him, angels in the height!
Sun and moon rejoice before him, praise him all the stars of light!
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken, worlds his mighty voice obey'd,
Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he hath made.*

*Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto thee,
Young and old thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore thee, we would bow before thy throne,
As thine angels serve before thee, so on earth thy will be done.*

*Praise the Lord, for he is glorious, never shall his promise fail,
God hath made his saints victorious, sin and death shall not prevail!
Praise the God of our salvation, hosts on high his pow'r proclaim,
Heav'n and earth and all creation laud and magnify, laud and magnify,
Laud and magnify his glorious name!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

John 10:22-30

SECOND READING

Psalm 114

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"Psalms of Easter: The Wonder of Victory"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

GTG 182

KINGSFOLD

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

I Walked with God This Day

Tom Birchwood

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 God, may our offerings provide shelter to those who have no place to rest;
may our generosity quench the thirst of those parched for justice. May our blessing provide
a way for those who are alone and afraid; may we offer ourselves as companions to those
who are in the valleys of suffering. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

GTG 187

BRADBURY

◆ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

You Shall Go Out with Joy

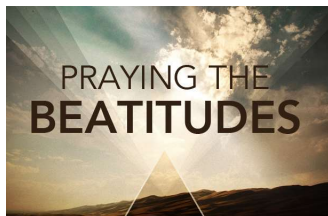
GTG 80

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy**

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal



Pastor Ken has concluded the midweek devotion, ***Praying the Beatitudes***. All the episodes can be viewed on the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Remember, if you like the Facebook page and/or follow the YouTube channel you will get notice whenever the church posts or uploads material. Do not hesitate to recommend these sessions to any who are interested in prayer and faith. Look for a new series of midweek devotions in the weeks to come!

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PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz Mike Jones
Dennis Van Deventer David Duell
George & Mozelle Mills

Homebound or Recovering: Freddie Simmons, Charley Rae Furrh
(Terri Russell's cousin)



The Session recently approved an Emergency Safety Plan. It is a comprehensive plan that seeks to insure the health, safety, and well-being of all staff, visitors, and parishioners of the church. We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Safety Team that will begin to implement the plan. If you are interested or you know someone who might be interested, please call the church office or contact Pastor Ken.

FUPC Choir and Music leadership

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Kyle Feather
Jeremy Rohwer

Bass

Kurt Booth
Hawkins Burns
Rich Lewis
Zachary Rohwer

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, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

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

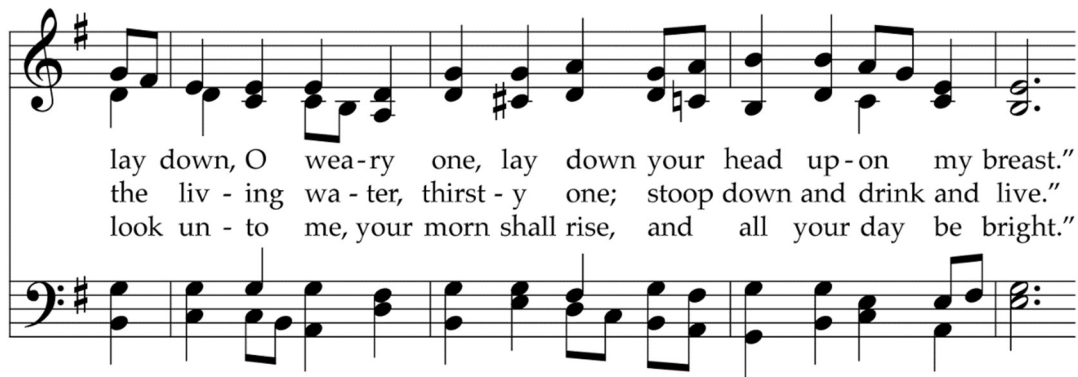
Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

HYMN OF MEDITATION

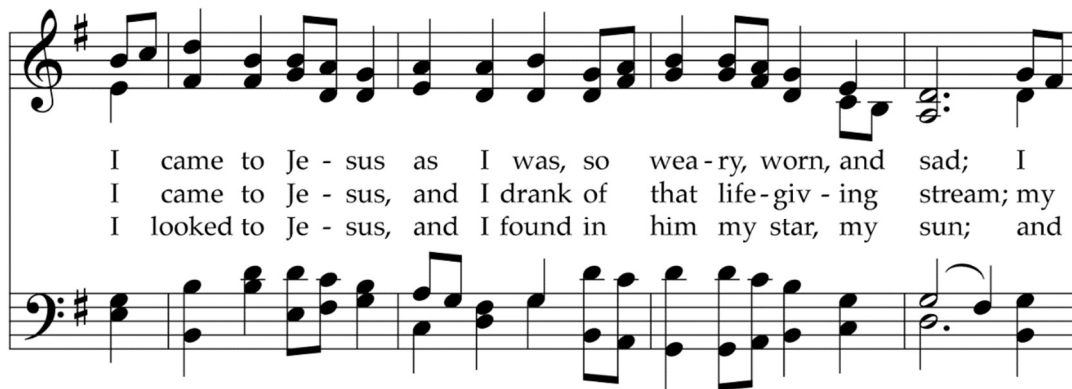
182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

HYMN of DEDICATION

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

The Session

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