

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude	<i>"Rejoice, The Lord Is King!"</i> Jackson Vaughan, Trombone	arr. Brigette Smisor-Shevy
Welcome		Erica Cooper
Choral Introit	<i>Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!</i>	GELOBT SEI GOTT
Processional Hymn No. 232	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today</i> Hymn sheet on page 4	EASTER HYMN
Call to Worship		Michael Brogan
One:	Christ is risen!	
All:	Christ is risen indeed!	
One:	The light of a new dawn has broken upon the world.	
All:	We come with joy, for love has triumphed over death.	
One:	Jesus calls us by name and invites us into new life.	
All:	Let us worship the God who makes all things new.	
Prayer of Invocation		Krystal Folkestad
Hymn No. 246	<i>Christ Is Alive!</i> Hymn sheet on page 5	TRURO
<i>PROCLAIMING THE WORD</i>		
Sermon on the Steps		Sara Hunt-Felke
Hymn No. 236	<i>The Strife Is O'er</i> Hymn sheet on page 6	VICTORY
Poetic Reflection		Ashli Fortune
Choral Call to Prayer	<i>Lord, Speak to Me, for I Am Yours</i>	PERRY
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer		Paxton Vaughn
	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.	
Gospel Reading	Erica Cooper, Molly Garrett, Sherrie Lawhon, and Jackson Vaughan John 20:1-18	
One:	For the Word of God for the people of God,	
All:	We give thanks to God.	
Anthem	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia!</i> Covenant Choir	Dale Grotenhuis

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.
Alleluia, Christ is risen! Alleluia!
See the ancient powers of evil,
In confusion and retreat.
Once he died and once was buried;
Now he lives forevermore.
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.'
Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise,
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,

Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross a victim,
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory
Now is risen from the dead.
Christ is risen,
Christ the first fruits of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance at the second coming yield.
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave.
Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! To the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia! To the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Sing a hymn of praise!

Sermon

Love that Calls Us Into a New Beginning

Erica Cooper

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Call to the Table

One: As we are called by name into new life and new purpose, we remember that on the night before his death, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

All: **We come as a resurrection people, bearing hope, justice, and joy.**

One: In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

All: **We come, trusting in God's mercy and love.**

One: At this table, the Risen Christ meets us in bread and cup, and calls us again into life.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Celebration of Communion

All are welcome at God's Table.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eric Clark

Invitation to Christian Commitment

Erica Cooper

Hymn of Response No. 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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[Hymn sheet on page 7](#)

Words of Dedication

Grant Hawley

Reception of the Offering

Ushers

Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life. Monetary offerings may be given online at baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/giving.

Offertory

Meditation on "Caithness"
 Dan Lawhon

Craig Phillips

Offertory Response

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Life of the Church

Erica Cooper

Choral Benediction

The Hallelujah Chorus
Covenant Choir
John McElroy, Trumpet

G. F. Handel

*Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!
Hallelujah!*

*The kingdom of this world is become
the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

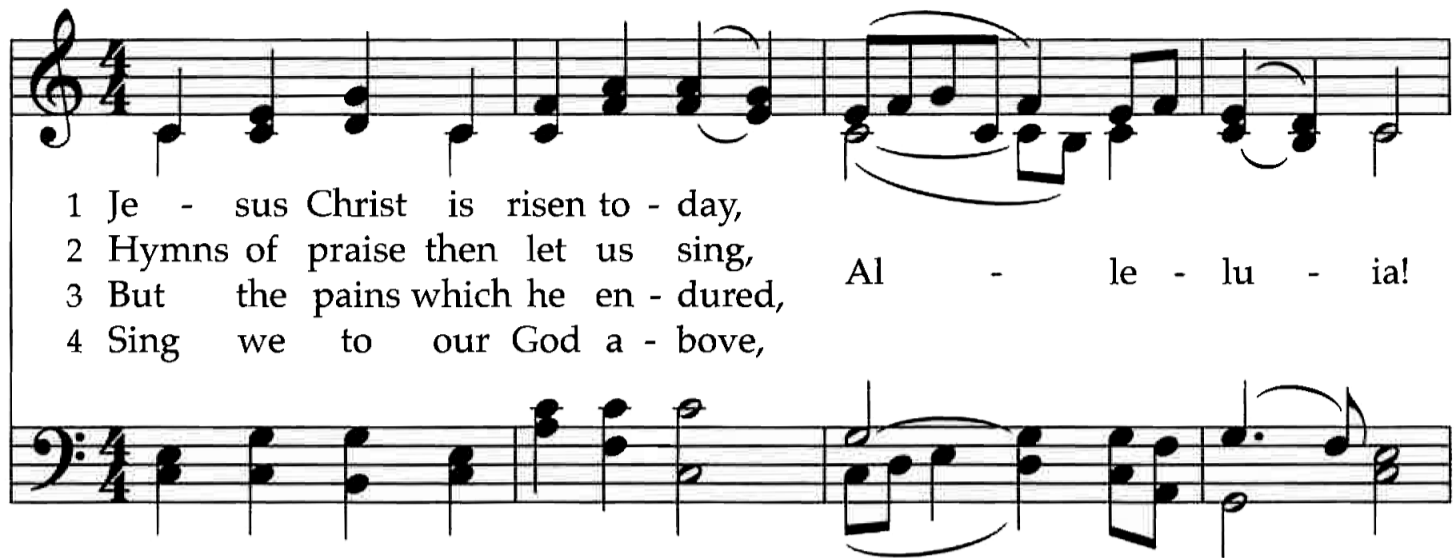
Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5
Dan Lawhon

C. M. Widor

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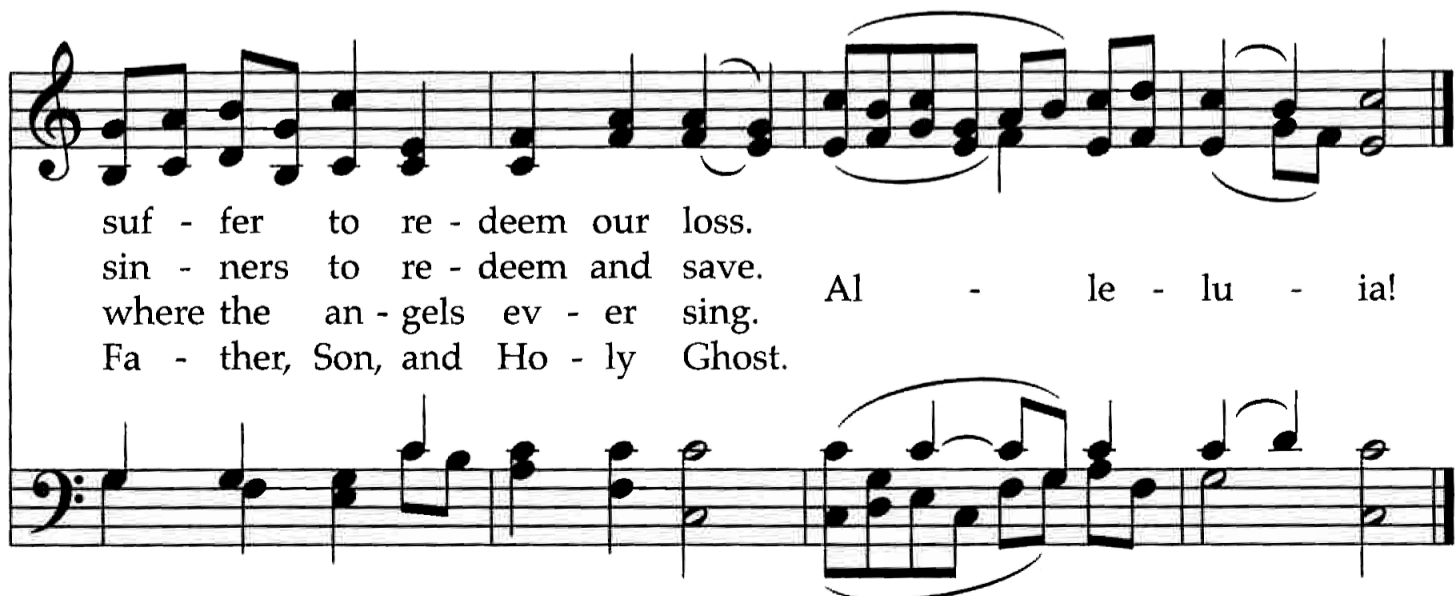
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.



The Strife Is O'er

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Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Head!
sing to thee:

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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, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Praise to you by both be given,

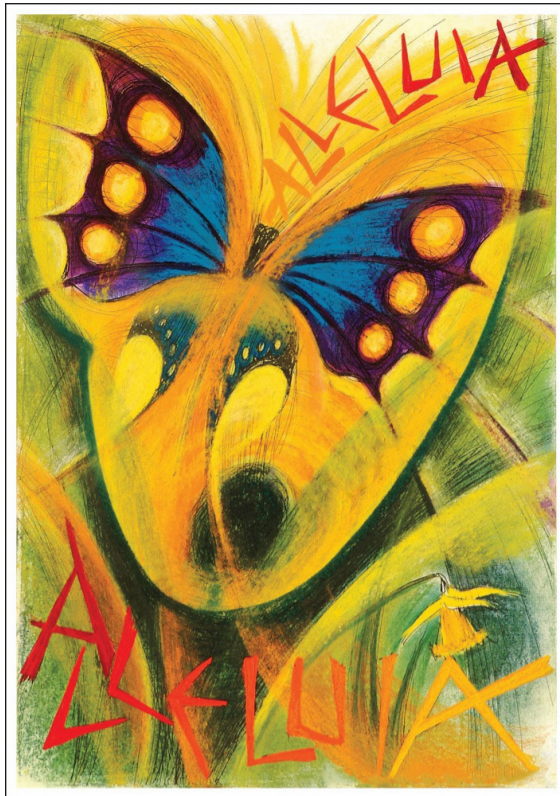


Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus died, our souls to save,
Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,



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.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSED Easter Monday, April 6

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Easter Monday. Please contact Erica Cooper for any pastoral emergencies.

CAMP BCOC Registration open!

It is time to register for Camp BCOC! This is a beloved BCOC tradition for our children, kindergarten through 5th grade, that happens every Memorial Day weekend. They spend two nights at Camp BCOC where we will explore the theme #KidsConnect with daily themes of connecting with friends, family, generations, community, and with Jesus. Register on Realm!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP April 8, 15, and 22

Brian McLaren says, "Sometimes, we become so familiar with the primal sacred story of the Bible that we need some fresh takes on it to see what was always there, things we'd missed before." *Reimagining Narratives: The Story of Jacob and Esau* is led by Morgan Ponder, Nathan Rankin, and Pastor Erica. This three-week series will reframe the narrative of Jacob and Esau, seeing this familiar story in a new light so that we might deepen our understanding of God's hopes for humanity.

Our mid-week fellowship meal is in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. You can make a reservation online. Reservations must be in by Monday at noon.