

# EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

#### **Prelude**

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

Deliver us when we draw near to You, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind: Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen

## Call to Worship

Leader: He is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Congregation: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: The Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh, was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead!

All: Jesus Christ our Lord!

#### Invocation

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

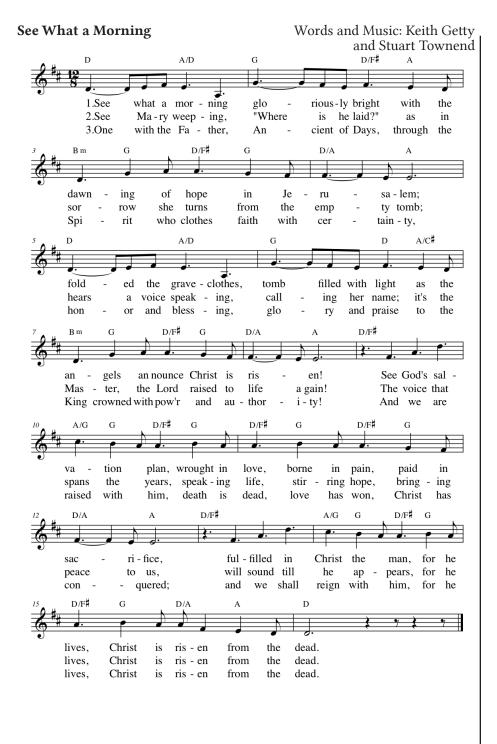
Call to Worship

Bob Sawyer

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together. God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.





#### **Confession of Faith**

We join the global and historic church in professing what we believe as Christians, to remind ourselves of the hope we have and the life that hope invites us to live.

\*In this context, 'catholic' refers to the global, historic church.

#### **Confession of Sin**

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

#### **Assurance of Grace**

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

#### **Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. – *Apostles' Creed* 

#### Confession of Sin

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Now hear this promise of grace and forgiveness from the word of God, from Galatians 2, verses 16 and 19:

We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified... For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to God.

Leader: To those who repent of their sin and look to Jesus Christ for salvation, the forgiveness of sins is fully yours, by the grace of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

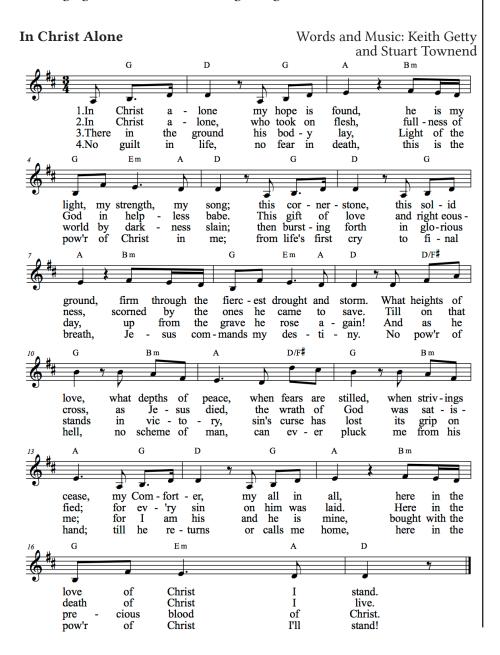
Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.



#### Offertory

We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church.

## Prayers of the People

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

## Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other.

#### Life Together

We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

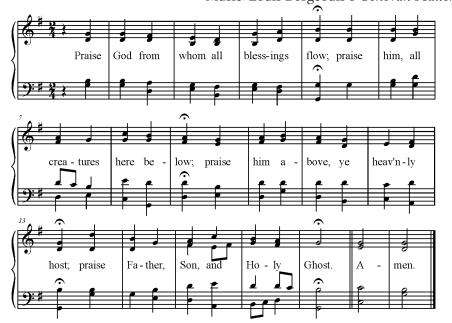
#### **Scripture Reading**

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

### Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter* 



## Prayers of the People

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

## Life Together

**Scripture Reading** 

1 Corinthians 15:12-23, page 961 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

## Offering Collectors:

Elizabeth Cantrell, Lydia Carlson, Katy Carter, Ryan Grams

**Sermon** Rev. Travis Drake

#### Words and Music: Reeves, Stanfill, Lord, I Need You Maher, Nockels, and Carson B/D# C#m7 E Е Bsus A2 1.Lord,I Bow ing I con - fess. here. I find mv\_ come. E A2 A2 rest. And with-out you, I fall a part. You're the Bsus A2 E A one that guides my heart. Lord, I need you, oh, I C#m7 E B/D# Α E В E/G# A you. My need Ev - 'ry hour I need you. one de fense, my A/C# E/B В E E/B 2.Where sin runs right eous ness; Oh, God, how I need you. C#m7 E A2 E B/D# Bsus Where grace is deep, your grace is more. found is where you E A2 A2 are. And where you are, Lord, I am free. Hol-i-В A2 2E Bsus is Christ in So me. ness you. E/G# E/G# Bsus C#m7 teach my song to rise to you when temp tation comes my C#m7 A2 E/G# Bsus And when I can not stand, I'll fall on way. you. A2 Bsus E Je you're my hope and stay. sus,

#### Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Servers come forward as liturgy begins.

We ask that those in the balcony come forward first, followed by those on the main floor, starting in the back row.

Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and gluten-free wafers are in the center of each bread tray for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

At the end of the service, please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary.

## Lord's Supper

Invitation and Words of Institution

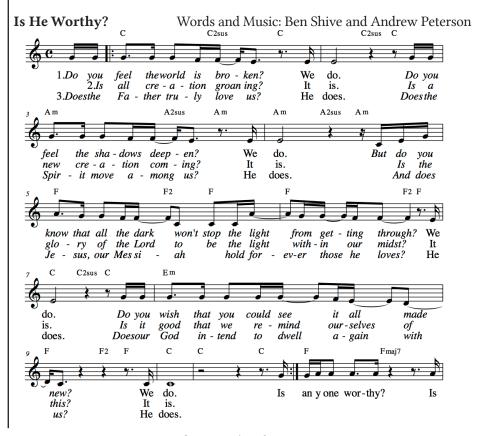
Distributing of Elements

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Partaking of the Elements



Communion Servers:



#### **Benediction**

#### Benediction

We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please dispose of your communion cups as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you! Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.