



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Livestream

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Toccata in D"
Randy Benfield

Krieger

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Ivan N. Herman

CELEBRATING PASTOR KEITH'S 20 YEARS AT CPC

Dave Studer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Studer

Leader: When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,

People: he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Leader: Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,

People: bursting in with new life and new hope.

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

HYMN

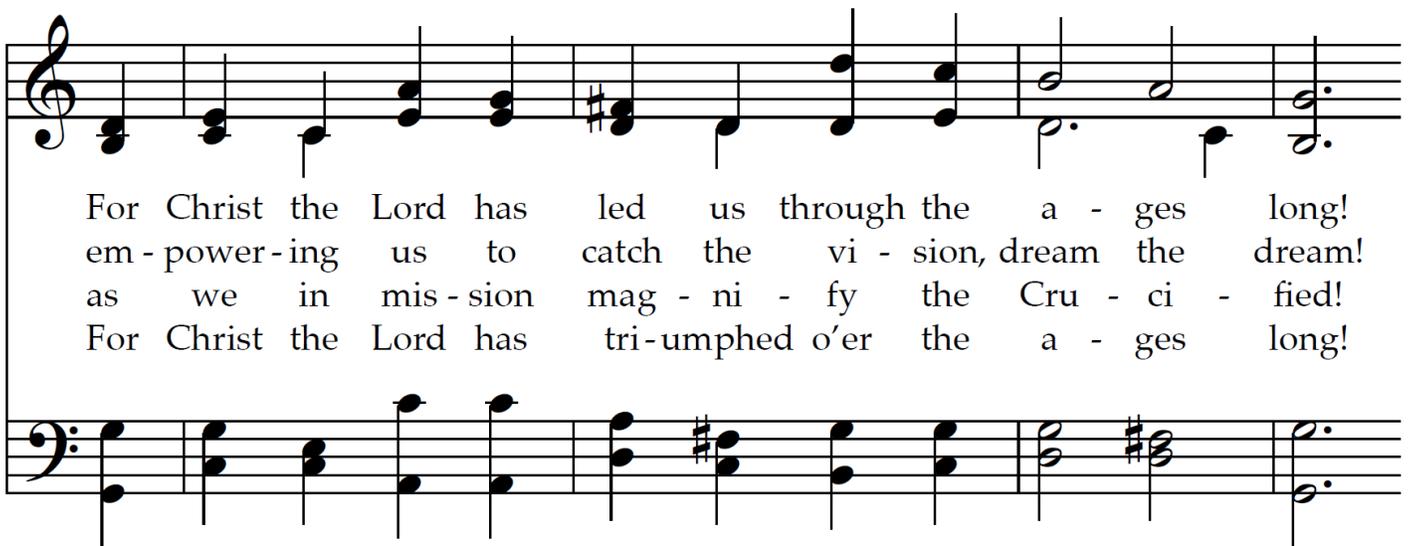
"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

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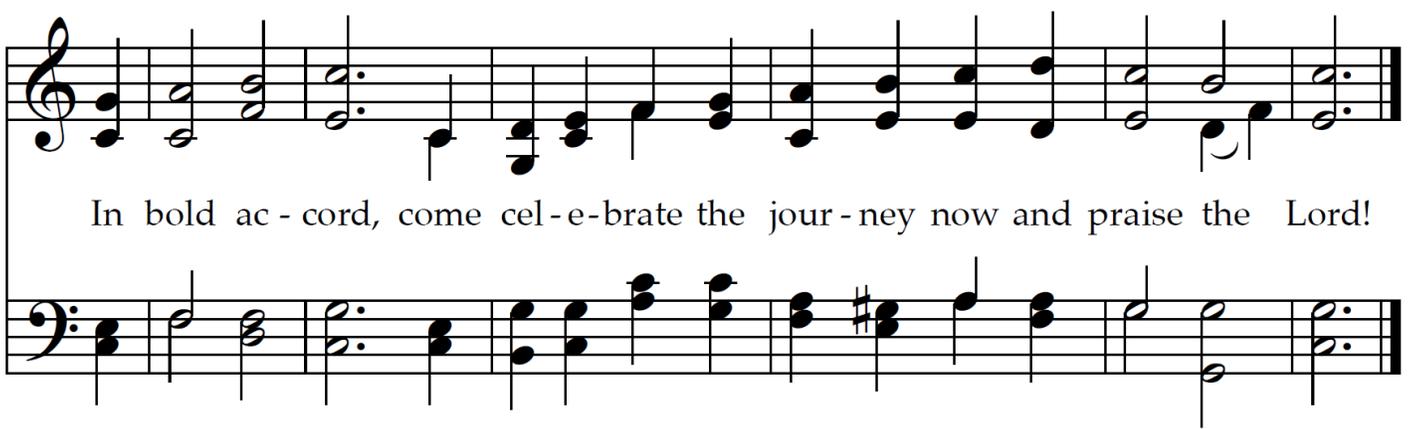
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ron and Cindy Morris

Leader: The resurrected Christ has come into our midst inviting us to repentance and forgiveness. Our journeys have taken us far from God, but the hospitality of Christ welcomes us home. Let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Welcoming God, we confess that we have journeyed far from you. We have traveled far from your love and justice. We have neglected the stranger in our midst. And we have doubted your presence with us. Help us to see the way you have set for us in Christ. Restore us to a life of mutuality, love and justice for all. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The welcoming grace of God is sure for each and for all. Our dwelling place in God is secure. Receive the forgiveness of God and be restored to right relation with God and one another. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

“The Gloria Patri”

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“My Lord, What a Morning”

Spiritual

Beth Lindley

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG

“Way Maker”

Okoro

You are here, moving in our midst. I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place. I worship You, I worship You.

You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,
Light in the darkness. My God, that is who You are.

You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,
Light in the darkness. My God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching every heart.

I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, healing every heart.

I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around.

I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, mending every heart.

I worship You, I worship You.

You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,
Light in the darkness. My God, that is who You are.

You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,
Light in the darkness. My God, that is who You are.

That is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are
That is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are
Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:36-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON

Too Good to be True

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

"Today Is the Day"

Brewster & Baloché

I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day!
I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.
I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of grace, our journeys have taken many twists and turns. To be sure, we have not traveled on the same roads. Some of us have taken the main road, others have taken the back road and a lot of us have gotten stuck on the road. But our risen Lord has journeyed in our midst unbeknownst to us. He has journeyed in the stranger

that we didn't recognize — the one who asked us many questions about our faith; questions that challenged us to grow deeper. Then as we got to know the stranger, we were awakened to the fact that they were the risen Christ in our midst and our eyes were opened. Help us, O God, to be ever attentive to welcoming the stranger who invites us along the road less traveled — the road of love, justice-seeking and peace.

Liberating God, in our post-Easter journeys we are reminded that you saw, knew and experienced the suffering of enslaved Hebrews in Egypt and you summoned Moses to liberate your people. We are also reminded of Isaiah's poetry about the servant who suffered unjustly, but whose suffering awakened the pursuit of justice. Through these stories we see the crucified and risen Christ who enters into our enslavements of the world in order to bring liberation and awaken people to the way of justice.

God of resurrection, in our post-Easter journeys we have encountered Christ when we have extended and received hospitality amid the crises of the pandemic, the racial reckoning and ongoing economic disparity. We've also encountered Christ when we have been challenged and new ways of being your community have emerged. Empower us to become your beloved community and enable us to welcome the stranger to the table so that we can break bread together. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying,

Unison: 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.

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

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