

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Easter Sunrise Service



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2024

You are God's beloved. *You* are welcome here.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Leader: Christ is alive, moving among the living.

People: **Christ is risen, inviting us to rise in fullness of life.**

Leader: Christ is calling, proclaiming life and hope for all.

People: **Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!**

HYMN OF PRAISE † "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" — #302 UMH (*back page*)

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

UNISON PRAYER

Risen Christ, enter our worship and our hearts this day. As you live and move among us, remind us to proclaim and live the life you offer. Inspire us to walk as children of your resurrection, each and every day. When we hide away in tombs of death, lead us into life. When we cower in our fears and regret, encourage us with your mercy and your grace, that we might claim the life you offer. Help us embrace your love and live in your risen presence. In hope and joy, we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON † John 20:1-18 NRSV

- 1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
- 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."
- 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.
- 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
- 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
- 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
- 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
- 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed,
- 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

- 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.
- 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb,
- 12 and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
- 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."
- 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
- 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."
- 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).
- 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "
- 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Beth L. Nelson

HYMN † "He Lives!" — #310 UMH (*following page*)

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION †

Leader: Go and proclaim the Risen Christ.

People: We go and live as the risen children of God.

Leader: Go and be Easter people—people filled with hope and life and love for all the world.

People: We go proclaiming Christ is risen indeed!

POSTLUDE †

He Lives

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3. Re - joice, re-joyce, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing

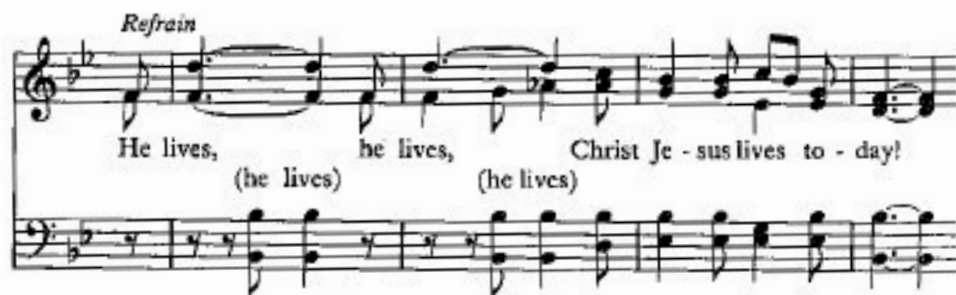
I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say,
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION

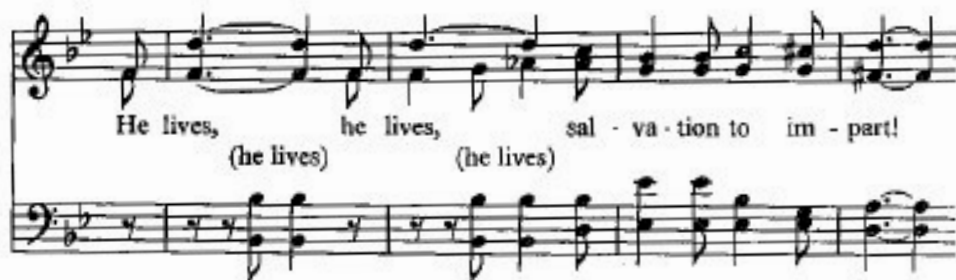
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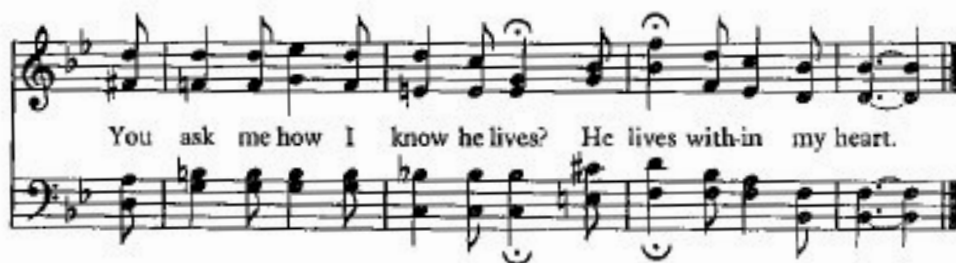
He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Je - sus lives to - day!



He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.



He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) sal - va - tion to im - part!



You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302

1. Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King of glo-ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - disc, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!



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OUR WELCOME STATEMENT

Calvary United Methodist Church believes that all means all. We open our hearts, our minds, and our doors to all our neighbors. We gladly invite into our shared life all persons who seek a community of support where they can grow in God's grace. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status, or background — **you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.**

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