



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 19, 2020

11:00AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND INVITATION

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

During the Opening Voluntary, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection.

*Living God,
through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death
and gave me the gift of life in fullness.
Now fill me with the breath of your Spirit
to tell the good news of the gospel:
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
Amen.*

INTROIT

Sing Praise to God, Ye Heavens

Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

All: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

All: **Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

One: So with all creation,
let us worship God!

(Psalm 19:1-4)

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
 Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
 In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
 Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
 Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
 Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
 Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
 Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
 Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Creator of the earth and all living things,
 maker of the sky and the air and the breath of life,
 God of all that is:
 we are your servant people, created out of the clay of the earth itself.
 We forget that we are your creatures, and we play at being gods.
 We neglect the work of stewardship that you have provided
 for our occupation and our joy.
 We have used, abused, and abandoned those things
 that you have created for your delight.
 You have created a fragile world in a perfect and delicate balance.
 Thinking too much of our own importance, we have upset the balance.
 We ask your forgiveness, Holy and Righteous God.
 We yearn to join with the mountains and the valleys,
 the rocks and the birds and the wild ocean waters in singing your praises.
 So hear your humble creatures as we confess our sins in silence,
 trusting in your love and grace...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As the heavens are high above the earth,
All: so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere him;
 One: as far as the east is from the west,
All: so far God removes our transgressions from us.
 One: As a father has compassion for his children,
All: so the Lord has compassion for those who revere him.
 One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

HYMN 37, VERSE 1

ASH GROVE

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 12:7-10

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Theater of God's Glory

Rev. L. Craig Foster

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

O Lord, Our Lord

Robert Powell

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God for all the Lord has done.
Praise Him, for He has overcome.
The grave is beaten. Love has won.
Praise God, the Spirit, Christ the Son. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

verses 1-4

(words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 14, VERSE 5

DIX

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter

James Biery

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. L. Craig Foster
Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Rev. Leslie A. Lang
Rev. J. Robert Bannan Jr

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

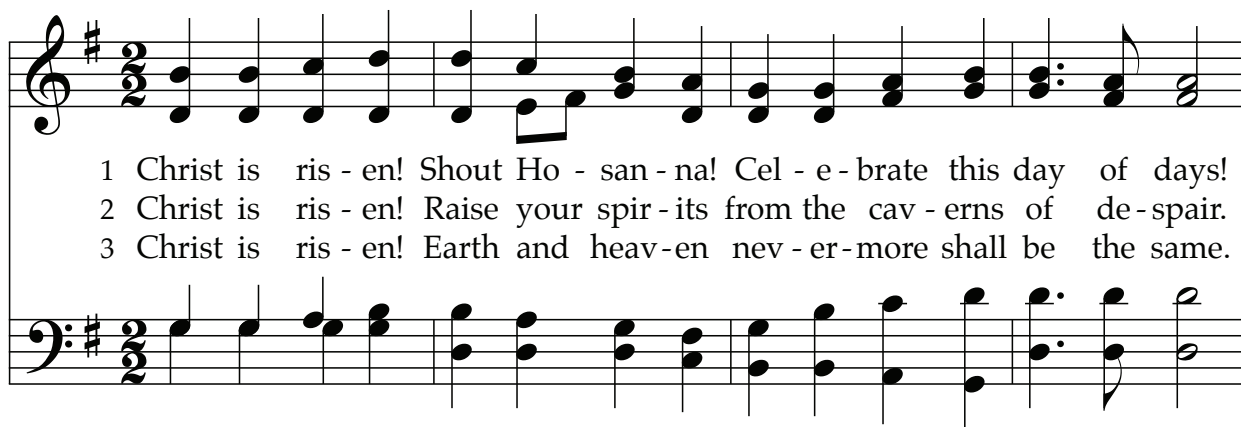
Additional Musicians:

Rafe Andrews
Valerie MacPhail
Lisa Cunningham
Reel Robertson
Paul MacPhail
Kaci Cotter (horn)

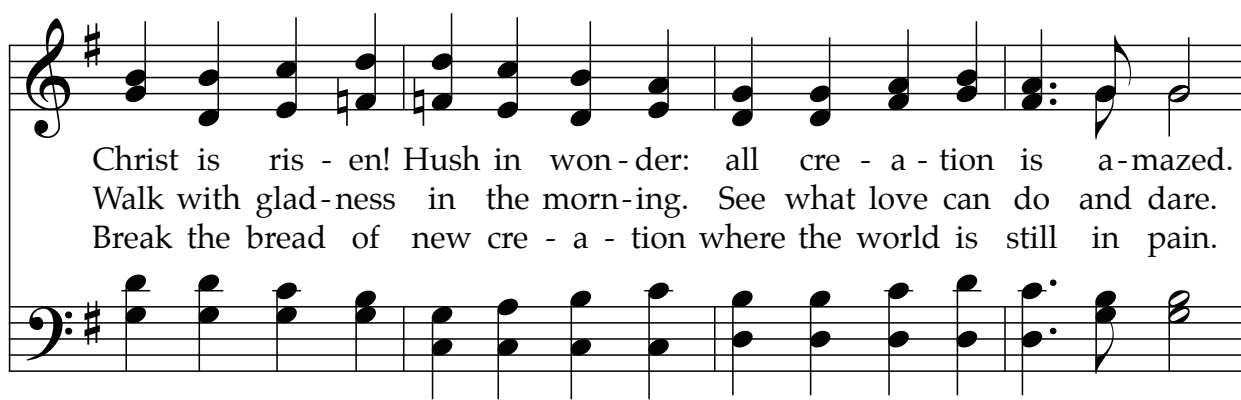
Today's Memorial:

*Sally D. and Philip F. Foster
and Philip F. (Flip) Foster, Jr.
by their family.*

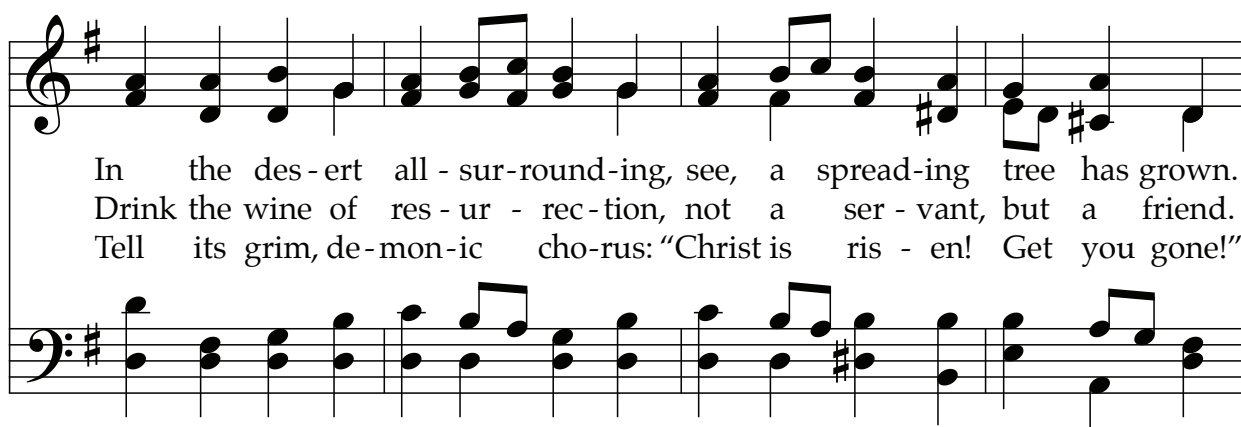
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



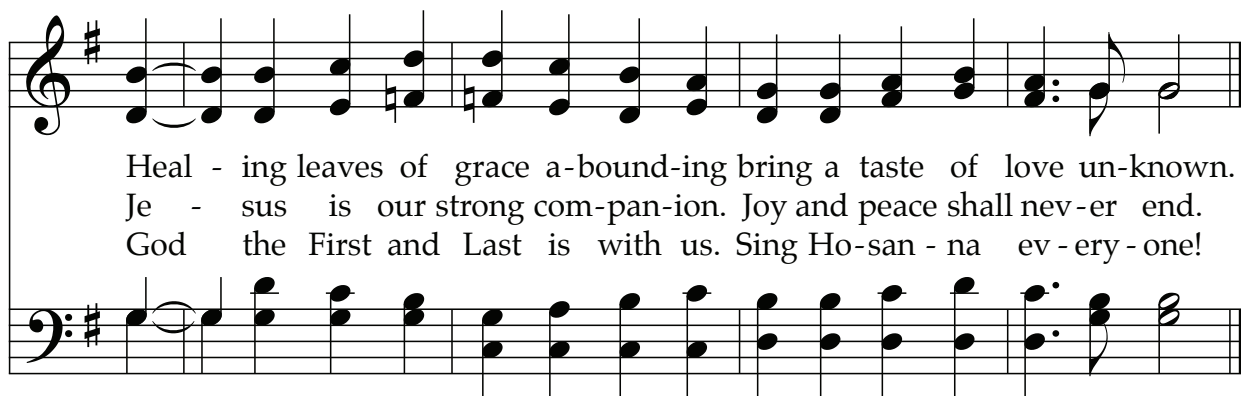
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2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
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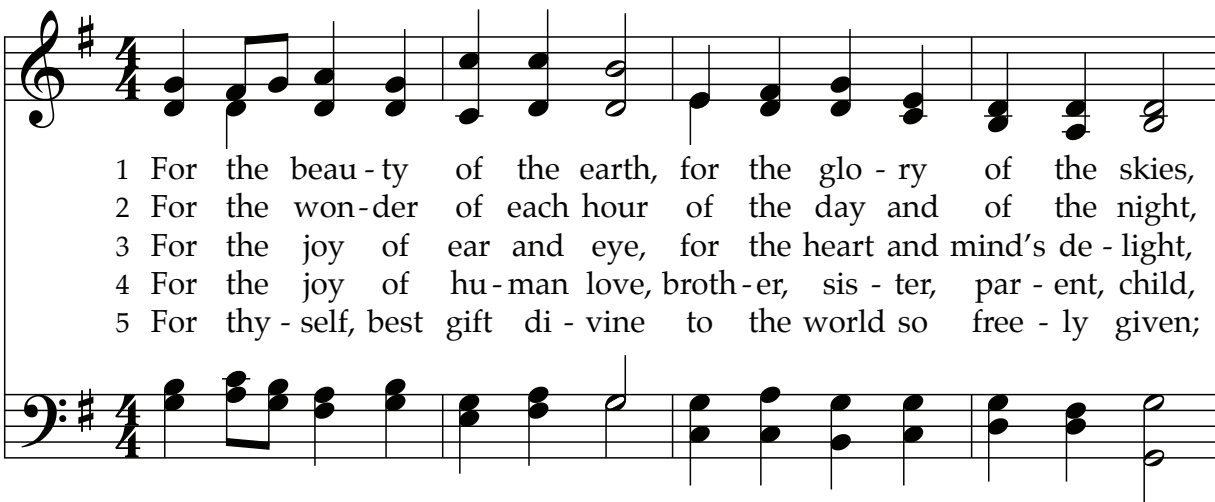
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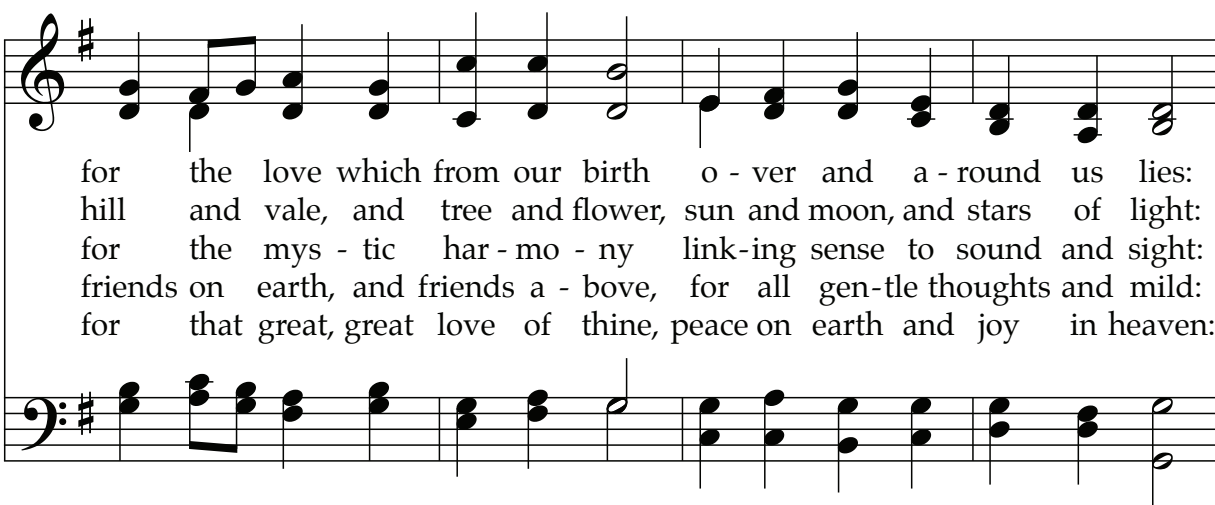
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For the Beauty of the Earth

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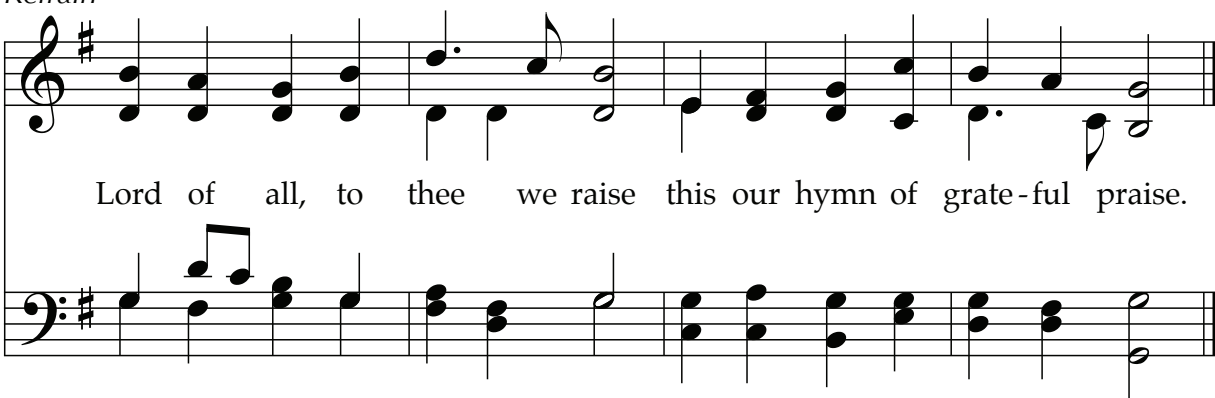


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.