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10:30 am

Easter Sunday

Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

Opening Voluntary *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Michael Burkhardt
Sam Natvig, trumpet; Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (page 6)

*Responsive Sentences

One: God meets us at the sites of life's bleakest encounters.

All: God captures our attention from the grips of despair.

One: Hope catches us by surprise, in miracles ordinary and extravagant.

All: In the way something holy lingers, even after death.

One: In the people's persistence toward liberation of life.

All: In companionship through sorrow, no one left alone.

One: Faithfully, love rises to reassure us: Christ lives!

All: God is alive. God is with us. We rejoice!

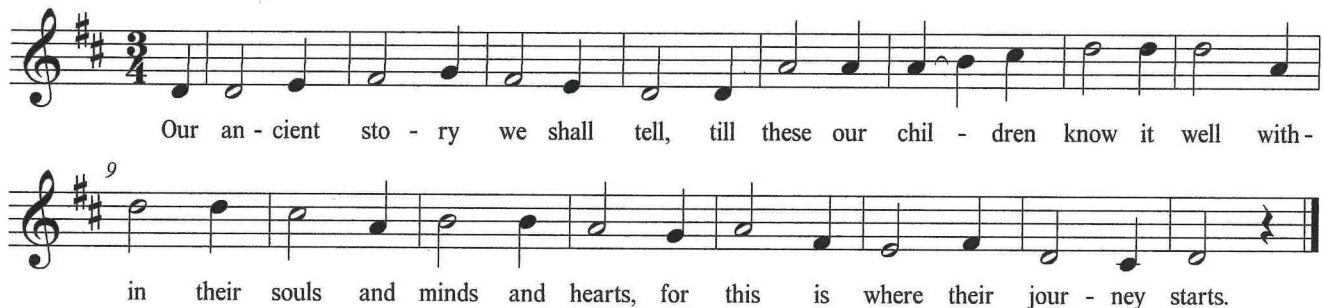
***Response of Praise** *Alleluia!*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Alleluia response. The first staff has a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single line. Above the staff, the chord symbols A, E, D E A, D, and E are placed over the notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" are written. The second staff is identical to the first, with the same melody, chord symbols (A, E, Bm E A, D, E A), and lyrics.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Holy Mystery, your presence is a wonder. Rolling open the tombs within and around us, you declare life where we thought there was only death. May your Spirit move among us, awakening us to the possibilities that persist. Possibilities for joy, for new life, and for the mending of the world. This we ask as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught ...*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.*

Welcoming Song *These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (Let the children come forward.)



Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our chil - dren know it well with -
in their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.

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A Moment with the Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

*Behold, I tell you a mystery and
The Trumpet Shall Sound* from "Messiah"
Wes Kelley, baritone

G. F. Handel

Recitative: Behold, I tell you a mystery;
we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed
in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

Aria: The trumpet shall sound,
and the dead shall be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Arise, Shine

John Rutter

Arise, shine; for thy light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
and gross darkness the people:
but the Lord shall arise upon thee,
and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light,
and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Lift up thine eyes round about, and see:
all they gather themselves together,
they come to thee:
thy sons shall come from far,
and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.
The sun shall be no more thy light by day;
neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee:
but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light,
and thy God thy glory.
Arise, shine; for thy light is come.

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

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. 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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.' When she had said this, she turned round and

saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to 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." ' 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.

*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	(page 8)
Sermon	"The Threat of Resurrection"	Dr. Robu
*Hymn of Departure	<i>Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing</i>	(page 9)
*Benediction		
Closing Voluntary	"Finale" from <i>Symphony No. 1 in D</i> Christopher Shaw, organ	Louis Vierne

*Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.

North Entry Greeter Katy Brammer

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Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Descant, verse 4

4 Soar we now where Je - sus led,
 4 Hoy al la - do_es - tá de Dios, Al - le - lu - ia!

C F C F C/G G7 C

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done,
 3 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Je - sus led,
 1 El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó,

fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head. Al - le - lu - ia!
 don - de_es - cu - cha nue - va voz;

F Dm7 G C F C/G G7 C

All cre - a - tion join to say:
 fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head.
 Muer - te_y tum - ba ya ven - ció;

Made like Christ, we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Por no - so - tros

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high:
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Dy - ing once, he all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, with Christ we rise,
Con su fuer - za y su vir - tud,

ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!
Con su a - mor nos sal - va - rá.

Sing, O heav'n, and earth re - ply:
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Cau - ti - vó la es - cla - vi - tud.

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Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

Em3 A Em A Em/B B Em

wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing he would nev - er wake and live a - gain,
 Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain;
 Je - sus' touch can call us back to life a - gain;

Em B/F# Em/G B B/D# Em F# B B7

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, the liv - ing Christ is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Em A Em A Em/B B Em3

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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*Easter lilies that adorn our
sanctuary are given in honor and in memory of
our loved ones.*



Loved ones	from Steve & Lisa Gough
Our Parents	from Alberta & Bernie Nichols
Taleen Family & Many Friends	from Sarah Smith
Our Parents	from Alan & Nancy Roskam
Ivan Goering & Ann Goering	from Clifford & Corinne Depew
Bob Arthur	from Loved ones
Marlene Amonda	from Alyce Zenzinger Cockrill
Tom & Eleanor Kinkaid	from Rich & Marcia Smola
Shirley Driver	from Jennifer King
Cindy Sparks Hunter Wishart	from Henry Waters
Don, Penny, Karen & Tim	from Steve & Kitchel Woods
Loved Ones	from Steve Yager Family
Pvt. Wayne E. Nelson, WWII	from Anna & Paul Uhlig
Amy Neel & Richard Neel	from Garry & Elaine Neel
Walt & Elanor Vernon	from Doris Uhlig
Our Parents	from Sue & Kurt Watson
Ralf & LaVonta Gilchrist Richard & Emma Brown	from Jane Gilchrist & Charles Brown
Colleen Euson	from Rich Euson
Warren Family Oxley Family	from Dwight & Pat Oxley
Charles Clapp Robert Malone	from Walt & Karen Malone



Save the Dates!

Vacation Bible School | July 17 – 20 | 5:30 – 8 p.m.

This year Plymouth Congregational Church will join forces with College Hill United Methodist, Grace Presbyterian, and St. James Church

For a College Hill Community Vacation Bible School Location for the event will be College Hill United Methodist Church

(The plan is to have a different church host the event each year)

More details to come!



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 10:30am Worship Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt following the service	10 Church Office Closed 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	11 5:30pm Growth Steering	12 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	13 2pm Plymouth Projects	14 4pm Bierock Baking	15 10am Bierock Baking
16 9am Fine Arts 10:30am Worship Mission Possible Sunday 11:30am Bierock Sale	17 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	18 5:30pm Investment Club	19 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	20 2pm Plymouth Projects 5:45pm CE	21	22
23 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	24 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	25 5:30p Trustee	26 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Re- hearsal	27 2pm Plymouth Projects	28	29

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, April 16th
 “Hymn Sing” Sunday**

The Plymouth Covenant

Believing in Jesus Christ, the Interpreter of God to humankind, we accept His teachings as the guiding principles of our lives and consecrate ourselves and our church to their fulfillment. We therefore join in covenant, one with another, to worship, work, and serve together that we may express through our Church and our individual lives the love and faith taught by Jesus Christ.