

# WHITE MEMORIAL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

March 31, 2024  
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

#### Greeting

Karl Zinsmeister

*One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!*

**All: The Lord is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

#### Preparation for Worship

*Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison, as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the Living One, our immortal Savior and Lord. Amen.*

#### Prelude – Prelude and Fugue in D Major

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

#### Christian Welcome and Announcements

Cate Church Norman

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

#### Call to Worship

*One: Glory to you, O God! On this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.*

**All: Glory to you, O Christ! For us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

*One: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit! You lead us into the truth.*

**All: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!**

#### \*Processional Hymn 232 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

#### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the threat of death you have rescued us through his resurrection. Forgive our errant ways. Cleanse our sin and, through the love of Jesus, reclaim our hearts. Renew our lives for service, joy, and celebration. Increase in our minds and souls the risen life we share with Christ; help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

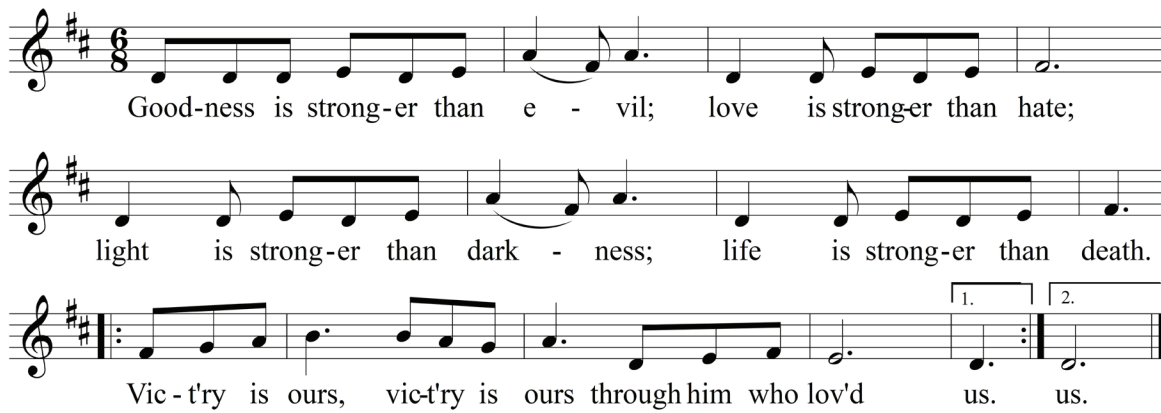
#### \*Passing of the Peace

*One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

*in the manner of Christ*



### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Old Testament Lesson** – Isaiah 25:6-9, pew Bible p. 613

**(11:00) A Time With Young Disciples**

Following our time together, children will return to the pews for the remainder of the service.

Chip Pope

**\*Hymn 247** – *Now the Green Blade Rises*

NOËL NOUVELET

**New Testament Lesson** – Mark 16:1-8, pew Bible p. 51

*One: The word of God for the people of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** – “*The Essence of Easter on the Journey of Faith*”

Christopher Edmonston

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Lee Hunter

**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.**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering

**Offertory - Worthy is the Lamb That Was Slain** from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

WMPC Adult Choir

*Worthy is the lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood,  
To receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.  
Blessing and honour, glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne,  
and unto the lamb, forever and ever.*

**\*Offertory Response Hymn 609**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures high and  
low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly  
known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spi - rit one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn 248 – Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

HYMN TO JOY

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Choral Benediction – Amen** from Messiah

Handel

WMPC Adult Choir

*Amen.*

**\*Chiming of the Trinity**

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity.  
Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

**\*Postlude – Allegro assai vivace** from *Sonata in f minor, Op. 65 No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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Today's orchestra includes guests, Tasi Matthews, Meredith Cooper,  
Emi Mizobuchi, Angela Blackburn, and WMPC member Bill Hayes.

**WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)**

We are glad you are worshipping with us.  
Visiting? Deacons can be found in the Narthex  
to offer a friendly greeting, answer  
questions and provide directions.  
New members are received after attending  
*Believing & Belonging @WMPC* Class.  
Visit [whitememorial.org/join](http://whitememorial.org/join)  
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206  
for details, class dates and registration.

**THINGS TO KNOW:**

- **Restrooms** are located on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- **Childcare** is available for children up to four years old.
- **Sunday School** is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- **Refreshments** and coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- **Loop hearing aid system and an FM system available in the Sanctuary.**
- **Live-streamed services** are at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org).
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



**We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.**

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**AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL:** 919-605-4593

Each Sunday we offer three opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial in the Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 in the Main Hall. While you will notice differences in music, location, and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy, and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture, and Affirmation of Faith.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

**Patricia Brown Moss** – March 21, 2024  
WMPC family members: husband, Bill Moss

### PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

**John Reeder and family**, on the death of his son,  
Marcus Reeder, March 12, Jacksonville, FL

**Stephanie Schumann Foster and family**, on the death of her father,  
Steven Alvin Schumann, March 14, Kansas City, MO

**Glenn Osmond and family**, on the death of his father,  
Jay Preston Osmond, March 19, Jacksonville, NC

**Blair Schrum and family**, on the death of his mother,  
Carolyn Schrum, March 25, Raleigh, NC

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# EASTER DECORATIONS

Easter decorations are given to the glory of God  
by the following in honor or memory of friends and loved ones:

## IN MEMORY OF

**Jim Blount**  
by Linda Blount

**William (Bill) K. Brawley II  
& Glenn J. Douden**  
by Nancy Brawley

**Sue & Luther Sharp and  
Ann & Paul Bray**  
by Cindy & Jeff Sharp

**Pete Carruthers**  
by the Carruthers, Embree  
and Hunt families

**Margaret, Ashby & Tom Newby  
and Bernice & Roger Henshaw**  
by Charlotte Newby

**Virginia Connell Payne**  
by Diane & Mike Payne

**Lib & Leon Holland and  
Libby Holland**  
by Laura N. Holland

**John Connell, Mary Frances  
Connell Newton,  
Stella & Graham Connell**  
by the Connell & Tehan families

**R. Donald Rhyne & Bob Rhyne**  
by Peggy Rhyne

**James E. Brown III**  
by James (Jim) Brown, Jr.

**Marion & Robert Johnson,  
Robin Johnson,  
Kathryn & Carmi Preston**  
by Terry & William Preston

**Julia Ann Leffler**  
by Wanda & Charles Leffler

**Leola & Ed White,  
Judy Price White,  
Ida & Hobert Morgan,  
Andrew Morgan,  
Maribelle Scoggin, Karen Jones,  
and Joan Virginia Hines**  
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**Peter C. Pearsall and  
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**Keri Pharr Eddins**  
by Carol & Lynn Wiggs

**Kelly Lynn, Jerry Lynn  
& Benjamin Hager**  
by Carol Lynn

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& Charles Wilson**  
by Kristi, Scott, Graham  
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**Mark Bond and Kirk Kirkland**  
by F3 Raleigh

**Matthew Haneline,  
Raymond Terry,  
Thelma & Travis Haneline**  
by Karen & Steve Haneline

**Julian & Daniel Rhem**  
by Karen Rhem

**Esther & JB Newman,  
Bobbie Newman, and  
Helen & Richard Tucker**  
by Judy & Jim Newman

**Barbara Tattersall Duncan**  
by Katie & Jeff Schottmiller  
and family

**Tom Reeder**  
by Wendy Reeder & family

**Jane & Vic Bell**  
by Mary Grady & Vic Bell

**Herman Armin Maier III**  
by Alden Maier

**Polly Horton**  
by Candy Lewis

**Neal Haworth**  
by The Evers Family

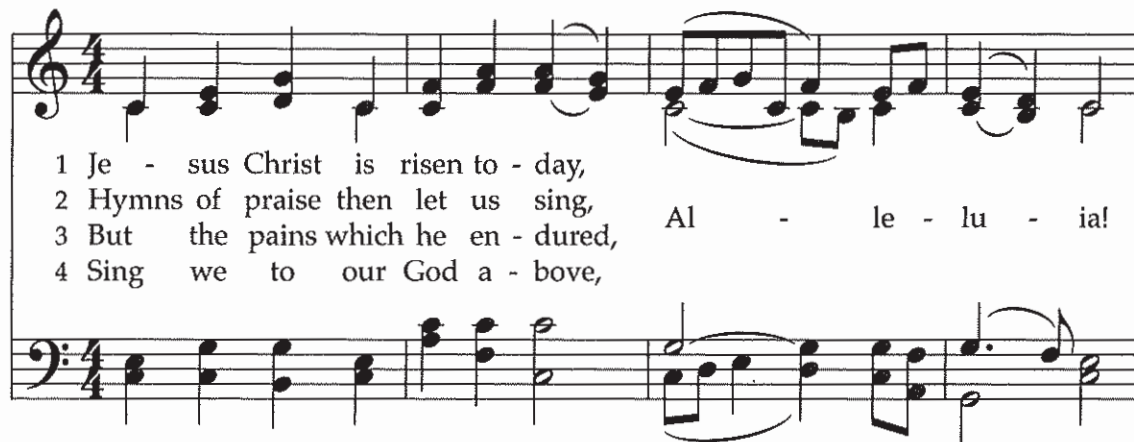
**Jon Honeycutt & Arch Newbold, Jr.**  
by Amy & George Hall,  
Caroline & Jonathan Kennemur

## IN HONOR OF

**Pastors & Staff of WMPC**  
by Carol Vassey

**WMPC Music Ministry**  
by Sandra Gray

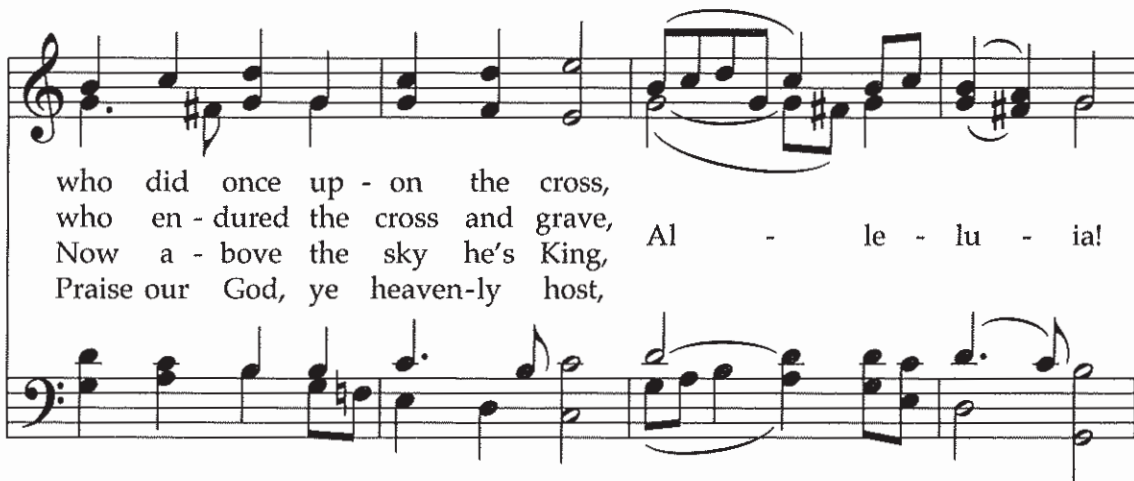
## 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured. Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,  
who en - dured the cross and grave,  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## SPANISH

- 1 El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya!  
muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya!  
Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya!  
cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!
- 2 El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya!  
vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya!  
Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya!  
su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!
- 3 Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya!  
y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya!  
hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya!  
reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!
- 4 Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya!  
de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya!  
En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya!  
Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!

## KOREAN

- 1 예수부활 했으니 할렐루야  
만민찬송 하여라  
천사들이 즐거워  
기쁜찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야  
선한싸움 이겼네  
사망권세 이기고  
하늘문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀권세 이긴주 할렐루야  
왕의왕이 되셨네  
높은이름 세상에  
널리반포 하여라
- 4 길과진리 되신주 할렐루야  
우리부활 하겠네  
부활생명 되시니  
우리부활 하겠네

## 247 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,

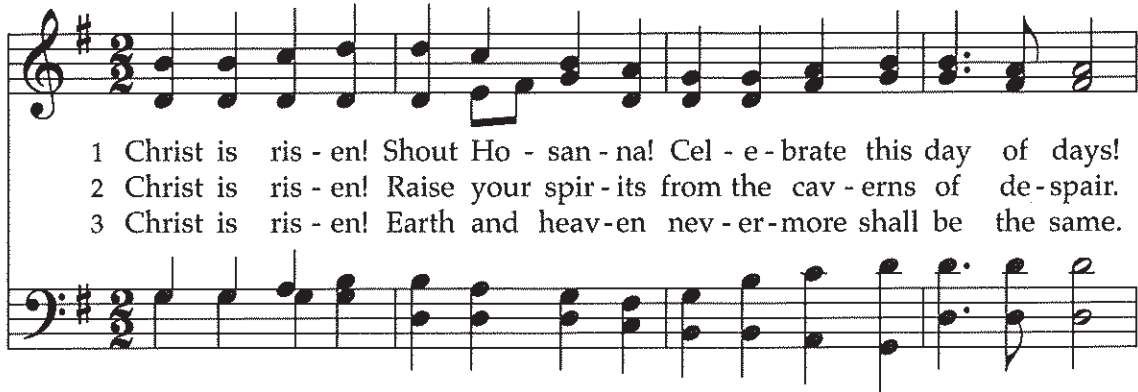
wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain;

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

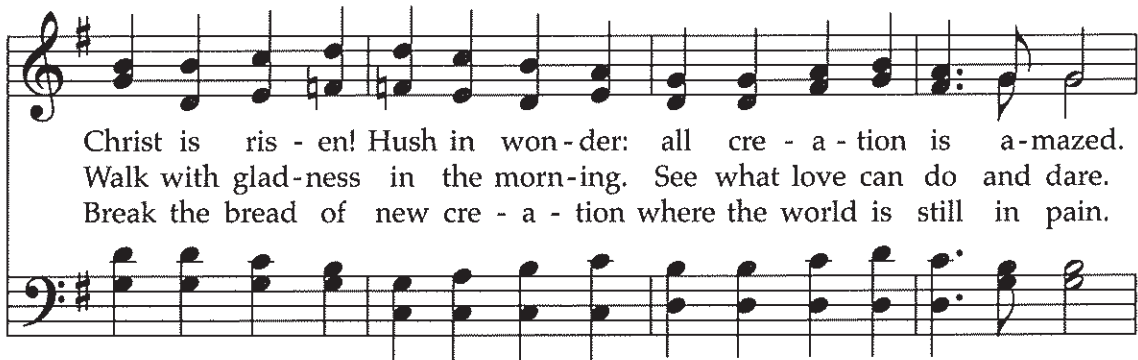
love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Although there were some traditional Easter carols, this hybrid one has been created by grafting a 20th-century English text onto a late 15th-century French tune. The allegory of the dying and rising grain as a parallel for Christ's Resurrection is probably based on John 12:24.

# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



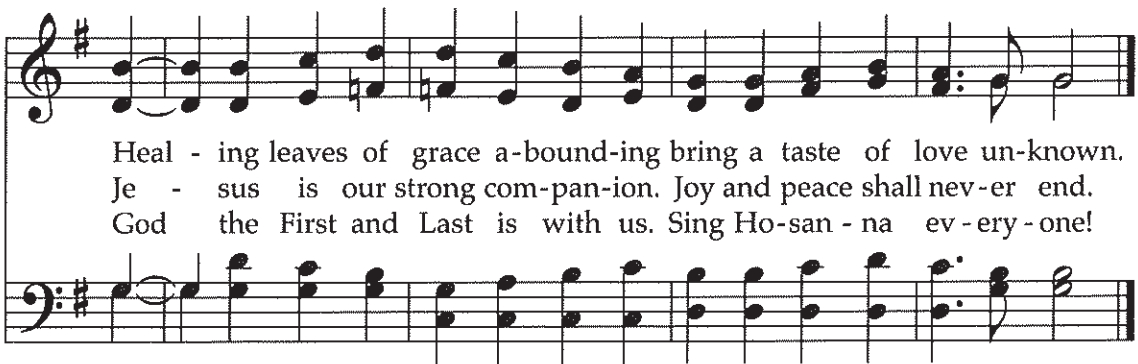
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."