

WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021 Eleven o'clock in the morning

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*Whoever YOU are and wherever YOU are on life's journey,
YOU are welcome here!*

PRELUDE *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee*

arr. Flor Peeters

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 4)

One: Answer us when we call, O God

ALL: Be gracious to us and listen to our heartfelt prayers

One: Let the light of your face shine upon us

ALL: And fill our hearts with gladness

One: May the meditations of our hearts and the words of our mouths be acceptable to you, O God. Our rock and redeemer.

†HYMN *He Lives*

Blue Hymnal No. 132

1. I serve a ris-en Sav-ior, He's in the world to-day; I know that He is
2. In all the world a-round me I see His lov-ing care, And tho my heart grows
3. Re-joice, re-joice, O Christ-ian, lift up your voice and sing E-ter-nal hal-le-

liv-ing, what-ev-er men may say; I see His hand of mer-cy, I
wea-ry I nev-er will de-spair; I know that He is lead-ing thru
lu-jahs to Je-sus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek Him, the

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'He Lives'. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the fourth and fifth lines. The third system contains the sixth and seventh lines.

hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's al-ways near.
 all the storm-y blast, The day of His ap-pear-ing will come at last.
 help of all who find, None oth-er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

CHORUS

He lives, He lives, Christ Je-sus lives to-day! He walks with me and
 He lives, He lives,

talks with me a-long life's nar-row way. He lives, He lives, sal-
 He lives, He lives,

va-tion to im-part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with-in my heart.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious One, you call us to speak your word, to be your hands and feet in this world in which we live. To be your witnesses. Too often we fail to hear your word. Too often fear keeps us from sharing the good news with others. Too often we fail to follow your path. Forgive us, O God and lead us back through your grace, fill our hearts with strength and wisdom and most of all love. Amen.

†SILENT CONFESSION (*30 seconds of silence is observed for silent confession*)

†KYRIE: (Spoken)

One: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

One: Christ, have mercy upon us.

ALL: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

One: Lord, have mercy upon us.

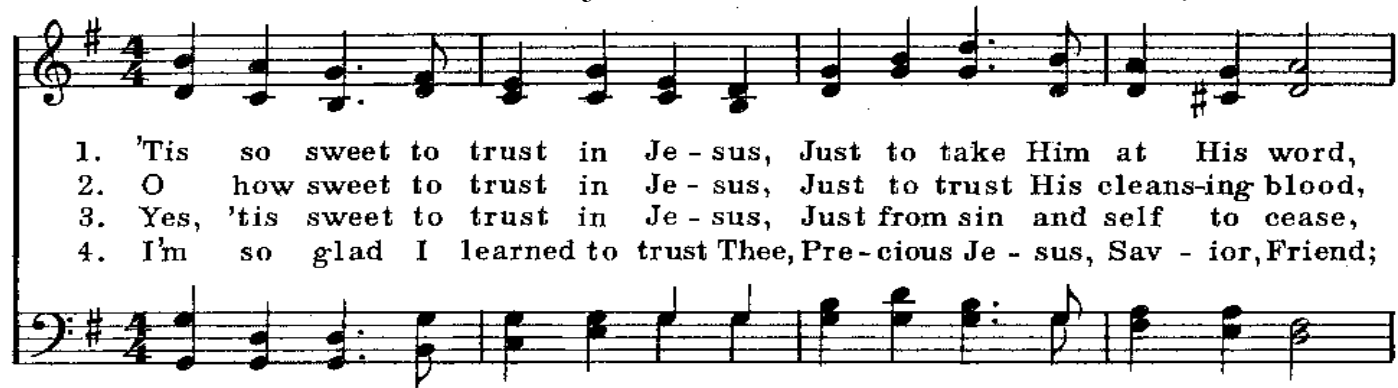
ALL: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

†OUR ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

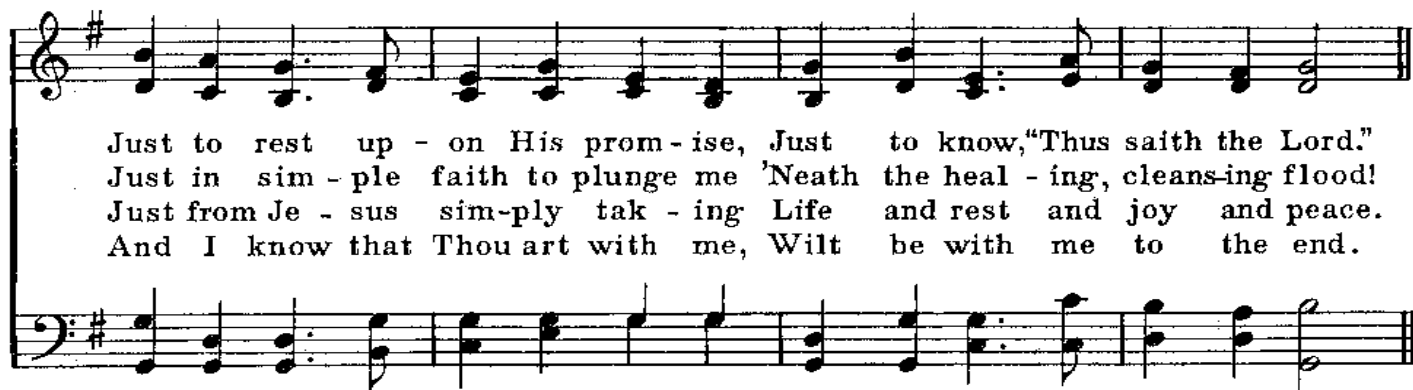
†THE GLORIA PATRI *Glory to God in the Highest*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to
God! _____ Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth! _____

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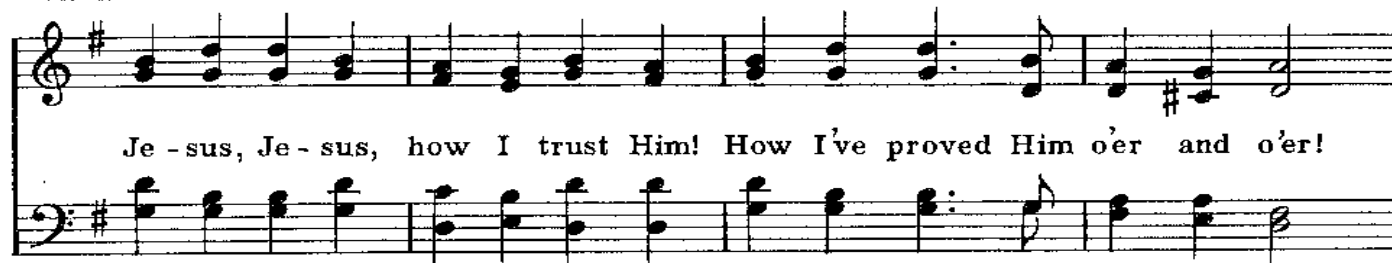


1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word,
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans-ing blood,
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease,
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!
 Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.
 And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

CHORUS



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

CHORAL ANTHEM

Because He Lives

arr. Jack Schrader

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

One: This is the word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“You Are Witnesses”

Rev. Carol Hallman

†AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in You, O God, the Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by Your righteous will, declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, and reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servant in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world, and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto You. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: May the Spirit of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex bass line in the left hand.

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INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Joy Danced Again on Easter Day*

arr. Lani Smith

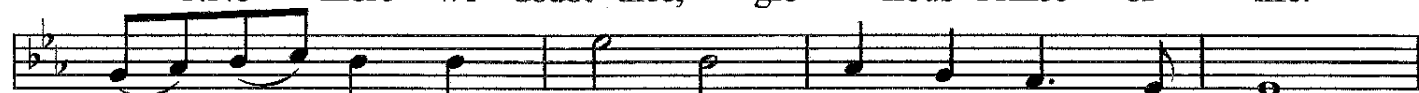
BLESSING

†HYMN *Thine Be the Glory*

G. F. Handel



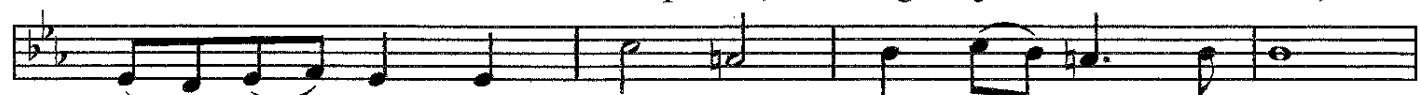
1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!



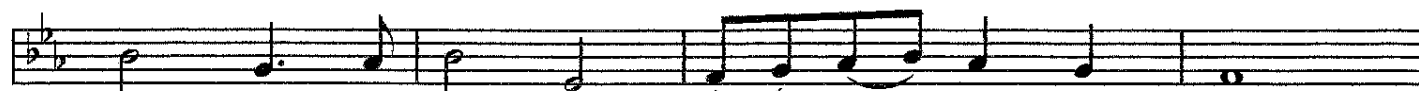
5 End less is the vic tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.



9 An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a way;
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;



13 kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.



17 Thine be the glo ry ris - en, con - quering Son;



21 End less is the vic tory thou o'er death hast won.

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†THE BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE *The Strife is O'er*

arr. Lani Smith

Assisting in Worship

Rev. Carol Hallman, Resident Pastor

Dr. Phillip Burgess, Choir Director *Susan Trivette*, Organist

TODAY, Sunday, April 18

12:30.....Online Church Council Meeting

Sunday, April 25

11:00.....In-Church Service with Reserved Seating

Reservations for in-church worship are required by calling the Church Office or Pastor Carol through Wednesday, April 14.

Church Office Phone Number: 704-633-2723

Pastor Carol Phone Number: 301-263-4121

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Austin, Mabel Barnhardt, Brenda Bernhardt, Betty Bowles (mother of Steve Bowles), Destony Bowles, Julia Callaway, Alana Cooper, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Sarah Hall (friend of Bobbie Troutman), Gary Hauze (no visits or phone calls, please), Nancy Hipp, John & Dawn Isenberg, Anne Kennedy, Johnnie Lippard (friend of Steve Bowles), Diane Lockhart (Radell Lockhart's mother), Dan Morgan (friend of Steve Bowles), Joseph Najarian (son of Dena & David Najarian), Pat Norris, Liam Pocock (Pat Norris' grandson), Savannah Price (Larry Bolick's nephew's granddaughter), Glenda Shrewsbury, Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Crystal Smith (niece of Bobbie Troutman), Nick Snipes, Jeff Watson (Larry Bolick's nephew), John and Sandy Wagoner, Waylon Ward. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or deleted from our prayer list, be sure and let the office know. If you have prayer concerns, please text, call or email Pastor Carol.***

A reminder that as we are offering hybrid worship services we encourage you to either mail in or use the online system for your offering. We continue to need your gifts even if you are not here in person.

Thank you for the generous contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing. We will continue to receive gifts until the end of the month.

Please remember 5-Alive donations. Your contributions with a notation for the 5-Alive Fund are always needed and appreciated. Donations may be made in honor of or in memory of someone special in your life. Giving to the 5-Alive Fund is used to help those in our church and within our community.