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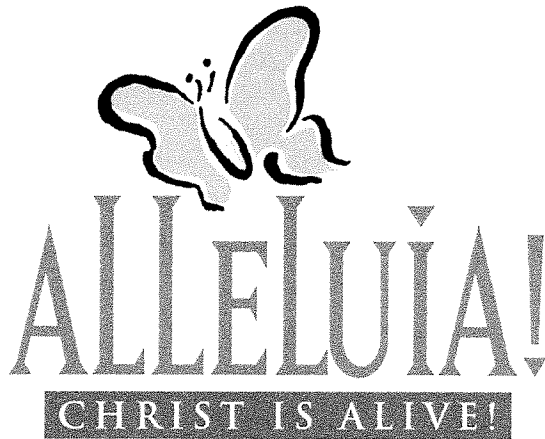
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March 31, 2024

Verse for Meditation:

Luke 24:5

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!”

INTROIT

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

WELCOME

* INVOCATION

Pastor Matt Stith

HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We ask you, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us amend what we are, and in your mercy to direct what we shall be; so that we may from now on walk in the way of your commandments and do what is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PRAISE: *“Gloria Patri”*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen.

* RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING..... John 20:11-17

Leader: Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

People: 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.

Leader: 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.”

People: When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Leader: Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”

People: 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.”

Leader: Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

People: 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.’”

* GREETING - PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“Christ Is Risen, Alleluia”

Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:27-31

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God’? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 14:27-31

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

SERMON

“Rise”

Matt Stith

* Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism, question 52

Q. How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

A. Christ’s exaltation in his resurrection began with his body not decaying, since it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. On the third day, he rose again from the dead by his own power and in the very same body with all its essential qualities in which he had suffered (but it was not subject to death and the other infirmities associated with this life), and it was truly united to his soul. By his resurrection, he plainly declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have conquered death as well as him who holds the power of death, and to be Lord of the living and the dead. He did all this as a general representative of humanity and as head of his church in order to justify believers, make them alive in his grace, support them against their enemies, and assure them that they too will be resurrected from the dead at the last day.

***NICENE CREED:**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** HYMN:**

“Christ Arose”

No. 298

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

COMMUNION INVOCATION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord....
Accept this, our praise and thanksgiving, as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of
faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

***PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**Almighty Lord: we are thankful for all the benefits given us in this bread
and cup, this body and blood. As the grain was harvested and the grapes
gathered for this food, so may your church in every place be gathered into
your household. And as the grain was ground and the grapes crushed, so
may our lives be spent in your service, until you return in triumph to gather
to yourself the harvest and call us to the marriage feast of the lamb. Amen.**

OFFERING OF SELF AND SERVICE

* Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

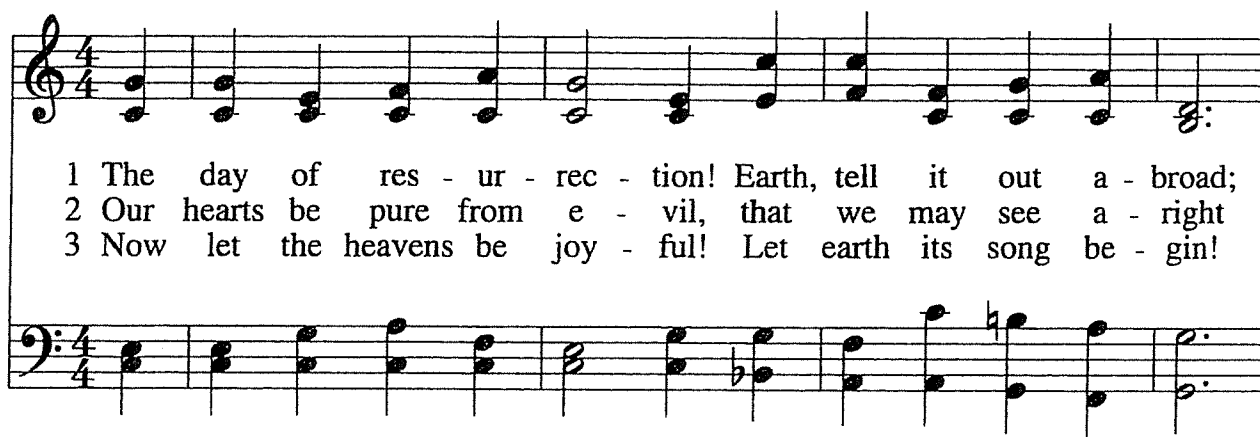
* HYMN: "In Christ Alone"

* BENEDICTION

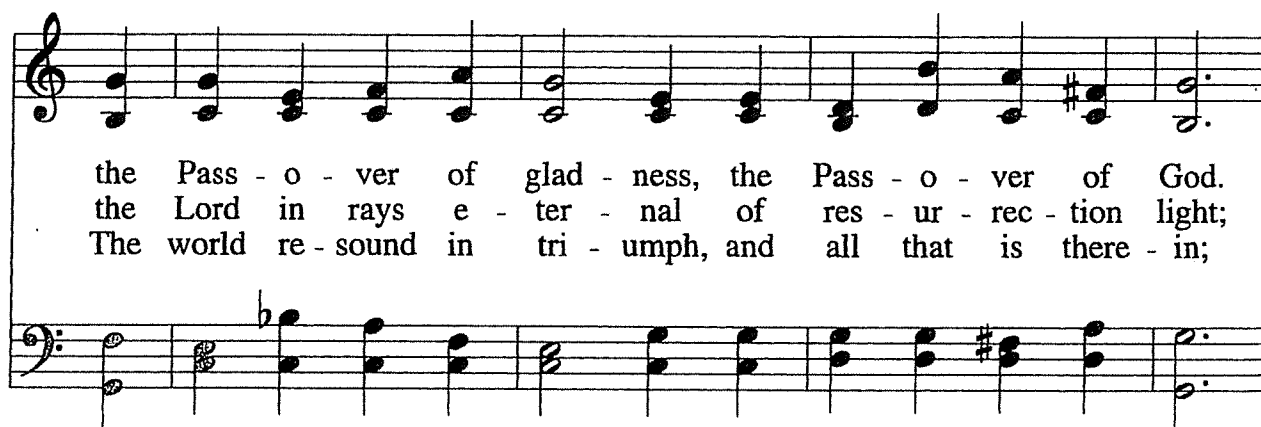
* RESPONSE: *God be with you 'til we meet again,
if life's trials should confound you,
God will put His arms around you:
God be with you 'til we meet again.*



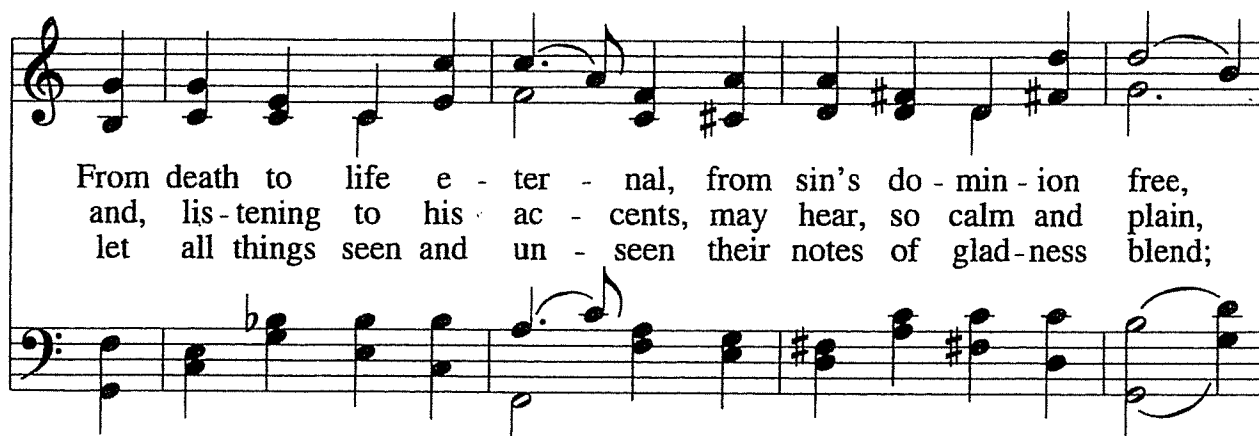
The Day of Resurrection!



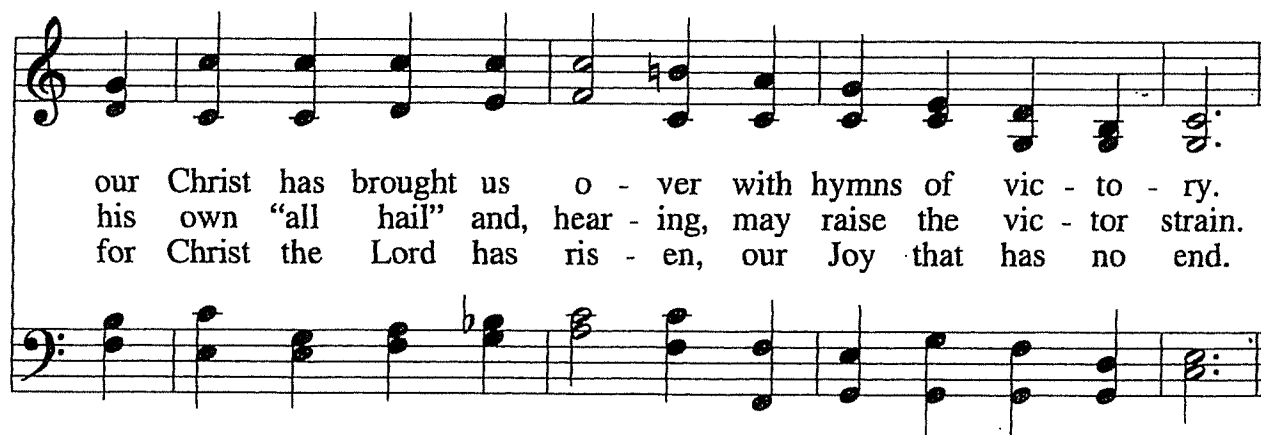
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth its song be - gin!



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 The world re - sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "all hail" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our Joy that has no end.

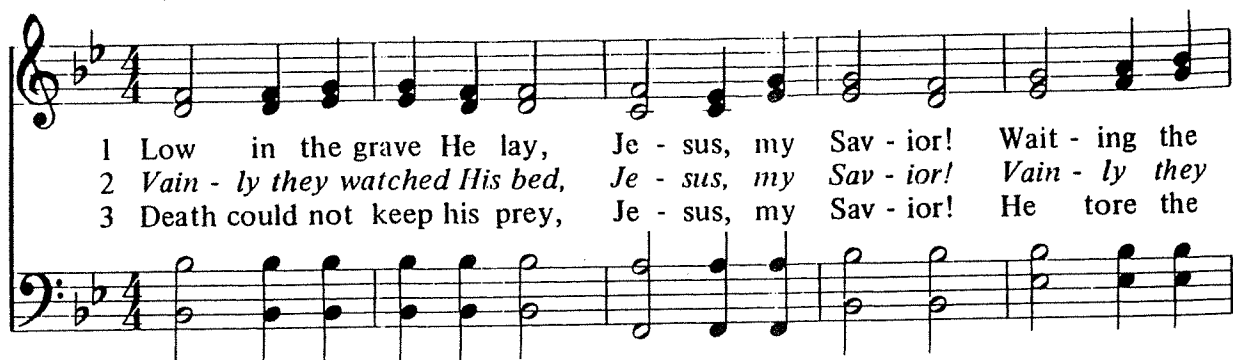
Christ Arose

Thou hast led captivity captive . . .

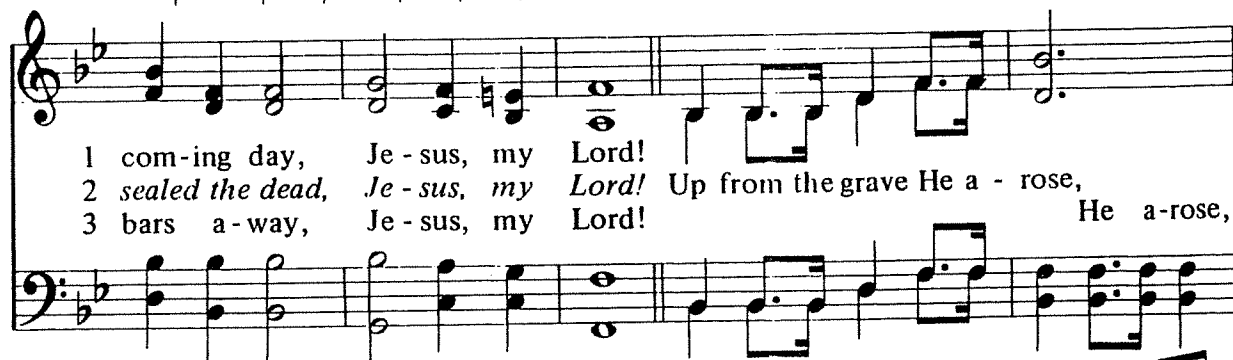
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CHRIST AROSE
Robert Lowry

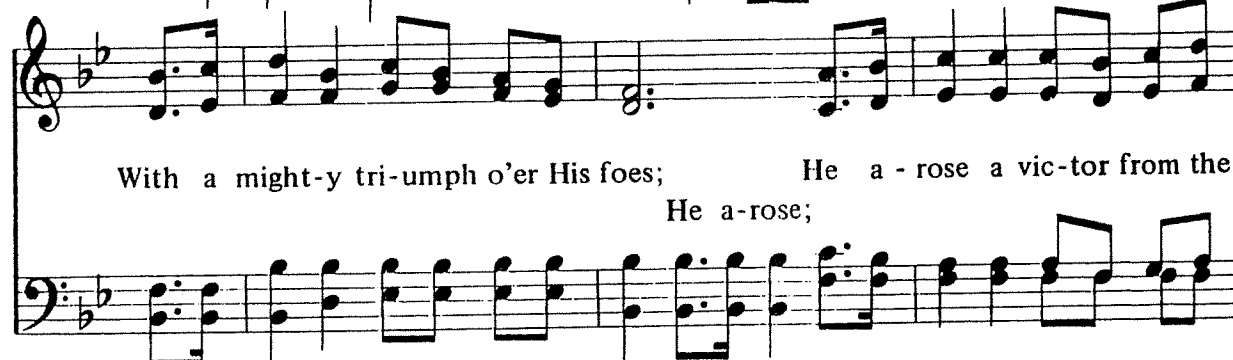
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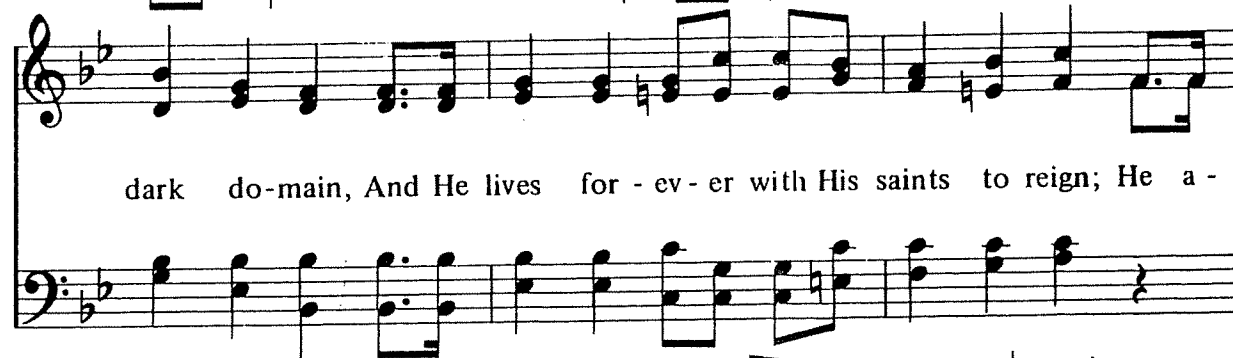
1 Low in the grave He lay, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the
2 *Vain - ly they watched His bed,* Je - sus, my Sav - ior! *Vain - ly they*
3 Death could not keep his prey, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the



1 com - ing day, Je - sus, my Lord!
2 *sealed the dead,* Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose,
3 bars a - way, Je - sus, my Lord! He a - rose,



With a might-y tri-umph o'er His foes; He a - rose a vic-tor from the
He a - rose;



dark do-main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign; He a -



rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
He a - rose! He a - rose!

In Christ Alone

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

♩ = 60

VERSE

A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b/G A^b E^b/G Fm⁷ A^b/B^b



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, — my
2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ — in

4 E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b/G A^b E^b/G Fm⁷ A^b/B^b



song; This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id Ground, firm through the fierc-est drought — and
babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came — to
slain; Then, burst-ing forth in glo-rious Day, up from the grave He rose — a -
me; From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-mands my des - ti -

8 E^b E^b/G A^b E^b/G B^b^{sus} B^b E^b/G A^b Cm⁷



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
save. Till on that cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
-gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 B^b^{sus} B^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b/G A^b E^b/G Fm⁷ A^b/B^b



cease. My Com-fort-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I
-fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ — I
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood — of
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll

INSTRUMENTAL

16 E^b B^bm⁷ Fm⁷ E^b E^b^{sus} E^b



stand.
live.
Christ.
stand!

Liturgist – Gayle Larcinese Greeter – Robin Lane

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Pastor	Rev. Dr. D. Matthew Stith		
Choir Director/Interim Music Director	Mayim Stith		
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Nursery Director	Karen Simon		
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<u>DEACONS</u>			
<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	
Alyssa Coleman	Laurie Ferraton	Robin Lane	
Barb Gaylord	Tanya Jackson	Eileen Russell	
Lois Lawson	Mayim Stith	Bob Zirkle	
Julius Simon			
Moderator of Deacons / Tanya Jackson & Eileen Russell			
<u>FEBRUARY 2024</u>			
	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Fund Balance Available for Use
General Funds	\$9,467.00	\$17,284.00	\$114,282.00
Dedicated Funds	\$1,141.00	\$102.00	\$43,203.00
Feb. 2024 Actual Income		\$9,467.00	
Feb. 2024 Expense		\$17,284.00	
Shortfall		-\$7,817.00	
Year-to-date Income		\$26,214.00	
Year-to-date Expense		\$36,863.00	
Shortfall		-\$10,649.00	
2024 Per Member Asking		\$31.00	



Electronic Giving Code



March 31, 2024

Intercessory Prayer Group - gathers in the C.E. building on Tuesday at 10:00 AM; open to all. We are praying for weekly prayer requests along with other concerns as led by God's Spirit.

Prayer Requests: Email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or fill in a prayer request form and place it in the offering plate. **Prayer requests for the following were received this past week; please include them in your prayers:**

Nick & Nancy Bacci, Bonnie Craig, Jackson, Jeanne & Jack, Nate, Ritah Ogayo, Randy, Alan Schwartz, Rita Sherman, Jack Soncini, Tom & B.J., Janice Turek

On-Going Requests: Barry Branik, Barb Cant, Steven Evans, Caleb Fritz, Frank & Sandy Hayden, New Life Options, Round Hill Home Church, Round Hill Leaders, Pastor Matt & Support Staff, Growth of the congregation of Round Hill Church, Children & Teens at RHPC, President Biden & Governing Leaders

Military: Aaron Baumann, Kat Gower, Matthew Gross, Corey Hobaugh, Noah Reed, Aerion Salas, Joram Stith, Carter Williams, Grayson Wonsettler, Samuel Wonsettler, and all those serving in the Armed Services

College Students: Kate Baron, Cody Danto, Ava Karnes, Audra Morgan, Luke Napoli, Hailey Russell, Morgan Winwood, Autumn Wright

Prayers for POA Churches: Ardara Presbyterian (Rev. Meyers)

Prayers for EPC Missionaries: Sean, Angie, & family (U.S./SE Asia)

Always pray and never give up. – Luke 18:1



RHPC Announcements March 31, 2024



This Week at Round Hill Church

Tues. Apr. 2	Intercessory Prayer	10:00 a.m.
	RECHARGE	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	7:15 p.m.
	Bible Study	7:15 p.m.

THRIVING SURVIVORS

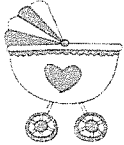
On Tuesday, April 9th, at 1:00 p.m., we will be dining at Tillie's (308 36th St., McKeesport, PA 15132) for our Thriving Survivors lunch. Those in need of a ride should meet in the church parking lot by 12:30. If you are interested in going, **please let Janice Sherman know (412-818-1725) by Monday, April 8th** and she will reserve a seat for you.



YOU'RE INVITED!

On Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00 p.m., a baby shower for Westyn Fritz (son of Kaylee & Ryan; grandson of Kevin Fritz) will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Toni Stith 701-261-0257.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Anyone who would like to help our church by occasionally serving as a greeter on Sunday mornings, please sign the sheet in the narthex.

Everyone is welcome to help! Please see an Elder or Deacon if you have any questions.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Food Pantry is requesting **canned fruit for the month of April**. Please place these either in the basket in the vestibule or drop them off in front of the **Food Pantry door** in the CE building. *Thank you for helping those in need!*



I KNOW THAT MY *Redeemer lives*
JOB 19:25