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April 11th, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter
All Music by Rachel Noe Maynard

Pastor's Welcome- Dale Carey

Prelude

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 47)- Dale Carey

Our God has ascended with a mighty shout. The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring! Come, let's sing praise to God together, for our God is sovereign over all the earth! Come and worship, people of God! Let us celebrate with songs of praise! For our God is seated on his throne, sovereign over all the earth! Let us worship God together!

Prayer of Adoration- Dale Carey

O God you are unique. You alone make an agreement, a covenant with us, You alone love us and care for us, You alone call us to walk with you. Help us today to see you are here. Help us today to learn more of you. Help us today to follow you alone. Change our hearts and our minds so we might really be your special people. Through Jesus Christ your son, AMEN.

Hymn-Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Call To Confession- Jay Nunley

Prayer of Confession (based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)- Jay Nunley

Assurance of Pardon (based on Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11)- Jay Nunley

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination- Jay Nunley

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:5-9, NRSV- Jay Nunley

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 133, NCV- Dale Carey

It is good and pleasant when God's people live together in peace! It is like perfumed oil poured on the priest's head and running down his beard. It ran down Aaron's beard and on to the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Mount Hermon falling on the hills of Jerusalem. There the Lord gives his blessing of life forever.

Sermon- "The Power of Christian Unity"- Dale Carey

Prayers of the People (ending in the Lord's Prayer)- Dale Carey

Hymn-We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Invitation to the Offering- Jay Nunley

Doxology-

Prayer of Thanksgiving- Jay Nunley

The Apostles' Creed (Book of Common Prayer 1662)- Jay Nunley

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; 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.

Hymn-Christ the Lord is Risen Today! V. 1, 2, 4

Charge and Blessing- Dale Carey

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1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li-gion strange.

Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:

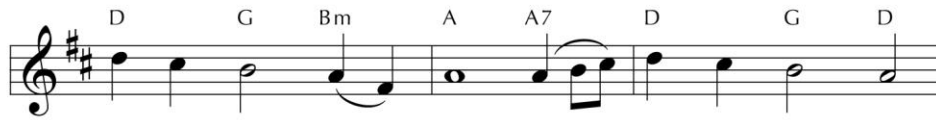
let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

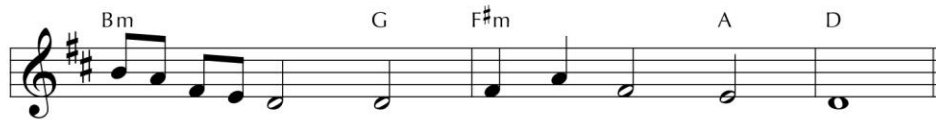
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.