

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 4, 2021

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

10:30am

Prelude

“Lift High the Cross”

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Sydney H. Nicholson

“An Easter Chant”

Gordon Young

“Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!”

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Joy Quartet

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Jesus Christ, in your triumph over the grave and your resurrection from death, the heavens and earth rejoice!

We praise you, O God! For you have made us victorious over sin!

On the mountain of the Lord, all people will feast and all wine shall be poured!

We praise you, O God! For you have prepared a table before us and our cups overflow!

The Lord has swallowed up death forever; the Lord has wiped away the tears from all faces!

We praise you, O God! For you have brought us from death to life!

The disgrace of God’s people has been taken away from the earth because the Lord has spoken!

We praise you, O God! For you have given us joy and gladness!

Song

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once up the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!

Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

(TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Lyra Davidica, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740; Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea;
MUSIC: Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. From the Compleat Psalmist, 1749; Korean Trans. © the Christian Literature Society of Korea)

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation. We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear. We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Special Music

“Living Hope”

Phil Wickham/Brian Johnson
arr. Joseph M. Martin

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New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Song

“Christ Is Alive!”

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
And find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

(TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1995; MUSIC: Musica Sacra, c. 1778; Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company)

Children’s Moment

Special Music

“Crown Him with Glory”

Holden, Teschner, Elvey
Sandra Zylstra

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Bell Quartet

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

The 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Message

Pastor John

Special Music

“In Christ Alone”

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Prayer of Thanksgiving for Gifts and Offerings

Song

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”
(Refrain) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

(TEXT: Donal Fishel, 1971; MUSIC: Donald Fishel, 1971; arr. Betty Pulkingham and Donald Fishel, 1979; Text and Music © 1973 International Liturgy Publications)

Benediction

Brothers and sisters, as the Church of Jesus Christ, go from this place...

**Knowing Christ, growing in God’s love, and serving as
the Holy Spirit leads.**

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Congregational Nominating Committee – The CNC for 2021 has begun meeting. They will prayerfully consider nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Trustee for the class of 2024, and at-large members of the congregation for next year’s CNC. If you have suggestions for the CNC to consider, please reach out to members of the CNC with your ideas. The 2021 CNC is Kathy Donadio, Matthew Henshaw, Jane Ishman, Henry Christie, and Stephanie Rossi.

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