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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

Teach me, Lord, how to be still. Like a Good Shepherd, lead me beside still waters. Quiet my soul. Bring order and calm to the chaos in my mind, so that I can spend time in quiet and joyful meditation with You.



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

DEDICATION OF NEW HYMNAL

PRELUDE

“The Strife is O’er”

Palestrina, arr. Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This day dawns brightly!

All: Hope is restored!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: He has conquered death!

Leader: Come, open your hearts and spirits to the joyous Good News!

All: Let us celebrate the greatest victory of all time. Christ is Risen! Amen!

*HYMN #346

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have

mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People,” people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your

healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER *(debts-debtors)*

EASTER LITANY

Leader: God knows us, inside and out!

All: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

Leader: We can’t run and we can’t hide. God is with us at all times.

All: Have mercy upon us, O God.

Leader: Don’t be afraid. God will heal your wounds and bind up your broken hearts.

All: Have mercy upon us, O God.

Leader: From the very beginning, God has known and loved us.

All: Open our hearts to receive your love, O God.

Leader: Through all our stumbling and bumbling, God has lifted and carried us.

All: Open our hearts to receive your love.

Leader: Rest easy in the Lord, for God’s healing presence is here.

All: Restore us and give us peace, O God.

Leader: Place your hand in Christ’s hand. He will lead and guide your life.

All: Bring us into your presence again, O God.

Leader: Be at peace. God’s love is with you.

All: Thanks be to God for God’s mercy, love, and grace. Amen

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

You are invited to place your offering in support of the ministry and mission of UUC in the designated offering plate as you enter or leave the Sanctuary. Online donations can be made using Tithe.ly See the UUC webpage for details.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

“Christ Arose!” *Robert Lowry, arr Smith & Hustad*
Luke Piazza, Trumpet

*DOXOLOGY #71A & BLESSING

Praise God, the source of life and birth.

Praise God, the Word who came to earth.

Praise God the Spirit, holy Flame.

All glory, honor to God’s name.

*HYMN #353

Now the Green Blade Rises

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

MEDITATION

“Chorale Prelude on Caswall” *Peter Hurford*

SERMON

In God’s Failure We Find God’s Emergence *Rev. Dr. Roberto Ché Espinoza*

***HYMN #354**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

BAPTISM

Jaxson Aaron Klossner

***CLOSING HYMN #508**

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE #345 vss 1, 4**

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà from Fifth Organ Symphony” *Charles Widor, arr. Lani Smith*

Serving Today

Lay Leader John Buckwalter
 Flowers Lana Meissner
 Greeters Jan & Larry Casey
 Coffee Hour Tucker Family
 Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter
 Piano.....Peter O’Connor
 Hymn Leader Bev Snyder
 Usher John Meacham
 Zoom Hosts Apriel Biggs, John Buckwalter, Jim Ninos

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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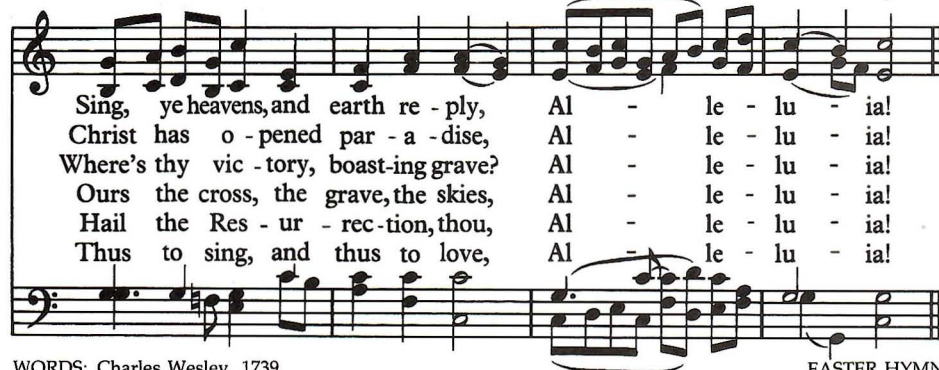
1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!



Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
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~~311~~ Now the Green Blade Riseth

1. Now the green blade ris - eth, from the bur - ied grain,
 2. In the grave they laid him, Love who had been 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 the dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he nev - er would a - wake a - gain,
 Je - sus who for three days in the grave had lain;
 Je - sus' 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:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain

Love is come a - gain, like wheat that spring - eth green.

WORDS: J. M. C. Crum, 1928, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. French carol; harm. by Martin Shaw, 1928
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FRENCH CAROL
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Christ Is Risen

~~307~~ 354 in new hymnal

Unison

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e -
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er -

brate this day of days. Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der;
 cav - erns of des - pair. Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing,
 more shall be the same. Break the bread of new cre - a - tion

all cre - a - tion is a - mazed. In the de - sert all - sur -
 See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of res - ur -
 where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, de - mon - ic

round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown. Heal - ing leaves of
 rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend; Je - sus is our
 cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!" God the First and

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

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1984

MUSIC: Polish carol; arr. by Edith M. G. Reed, 1926; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

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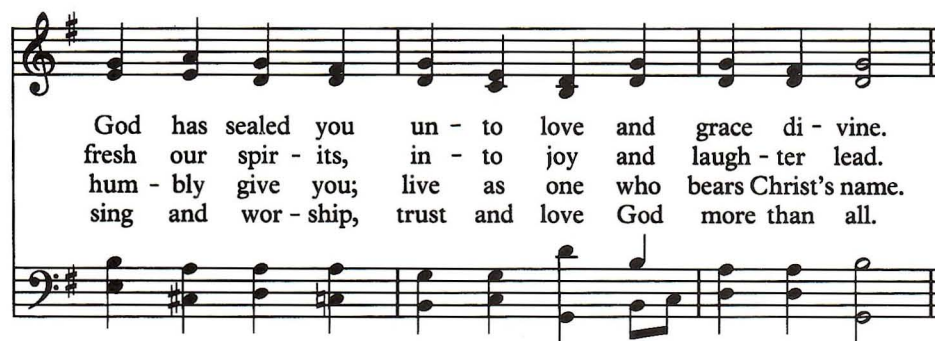
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Child of Blessing, Child of Promise ~~611~~ 508 in new hymnal


1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
 2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
 3. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
 4. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to



with the Spir - it's sign; with this wa - ter
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re -
 are, from God you came. Back to God we
 know whose child you are. Grow to laugh and



God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 hum - bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

WORDS: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981

MUSIC: Attr. to C. F. Witt, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1861

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BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION, *see further:*

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