



SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Easter | April 16, 2023

"BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!
ACCORDING TO HIS GREAT MERCY,
HE HAS CAUSED US TO BE BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING HOPE
THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD".

1 Peter 1:3

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.
All speak words in **boldface**.)*

CALLED BY GOD WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALLED TO WORSHIP BY MUSIC

(When the chimes toll, let us silently open our spirit to God's presence.)

Ringling of the Trinity

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

arr. Robert A. Hobby

OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 16)*

Betsy Braddock, liturgist (11:00 AM)

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup. I keep the Lord before me, for the Lord shows me the path of life. In the presence of the Lord is fullness of joy.

My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.

*HYMN #268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised your Son to be Lord of all; yet we confess our doubts. Rather than accept that all things are possible through you, we fall easy victim to cynicism, and we struggle to find the peace that you promise. Forgive us Lord. Make your presence known. Bless us with eyes that are eager to see and hearts that are prepared to believe, so we may confess Jesus Christ to be Lord and God.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The God and Father of Our Lord

AZMON

***The God and Father of our Lord and Savior Christ be praised;
a living hope is given us in Jesus, whom God raised.***

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TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: I Peter 1:3-9

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00 AM)

MUSIC *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* MFURAHINI, HALELUYA
Sue Andersen, 8:30AM; Chancel Choir, 11:00 AM
(See hymn #251 for the text.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Burden of Proof"
Rev. George W. Chapman III

TO RESPOND IN FAITH WITH GRATITUDE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed hymnal p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER hymnal p. 35

OFFERING

*Sung Response: *How Can Any Praise We Offer* holy manna



How can an - y praise we of - fer meas-ure all the



thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es-

gifts of love we can be - stow. As you gave your -
 self to others, may we, Lord, to oth - ers give. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

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*Prayer of Dedication

THEN DEPART BLESSED TO SERVE

*HYMN #257 *The Risen Christ* MORECAMBE
 (Sing text to, "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart".)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL SENDING *The Wondrous News* Daniel L. Schutte

SENDING MUSIC



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