

Order of Worship for Sunday, April 26

Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 PETER 1:17-19, 23

ONE: Followers of Jesus, by his cross
we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

ALL: Alleluia!

ONE: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

ALL: Alleluia!

ONE: By his love we are made new in the living
and enduring Word of God.

ALL: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

INVOCATION

HYMN 231

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

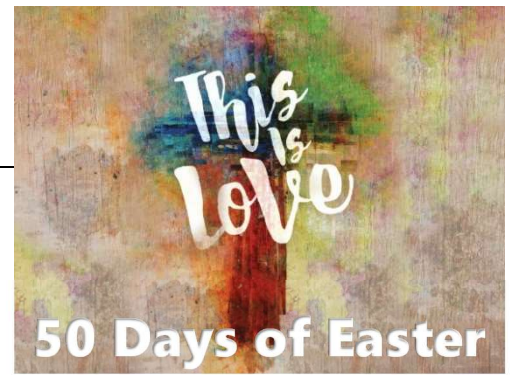
SUO GAN

1 Christ has risen while earth slumbers;
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!

2 Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.

3 Christ has risen and for ever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

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FIRST READING (UNISON)

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19, NRSV

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant,
the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

MUSICAL REFLECTION

JEAN MCHENRY

SERMON

“The Road Ahead”

[LUKE 24:13-35](#)

DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

**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.**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 246

**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.**