



# First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Children's Easter Worship**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 18, 2021**  
**10:30 a.m. Facebook Live Service**

*Following Jesus, our mission is to serve God  
by building an inclusive community where uplifting worship  
and relevant messages deepen spirituality  
and inspire acts of justice, service, and compassion.*

***Our Church's Mission Statement***

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## Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ!

*As you look over the bulletin, please notice that you are invited to read aloud **bold** text.*

### MOMENT FOR CENTERING

### GREETING

One: The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

### INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

### BELLS/CHIMES

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy Easter!

**Many: Happy Easter!**

One: Christ is Risen, and greets us with peace.

**Many: The peace of Christ is with us!**

One: Come, let us worship.

### OPENING HYMN "Allelu"

*(You are invited to choose a part to sing. As you sing your part, stand up. When your part isn't singing, sit down)*

Part I: Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

**Part II: Praise ye the Lord!**

Part I: Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

**Part II: Praise ye the Lord!**

**Part II: Praise ye the Lord!**

Part I: Alleluia!

**Part II: Praise ye the Lord!**

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Part I: Alleluia!

**Part II: Praise ye the Lord!**

### GATHERING PRAYER

One: God of love and light, we come as witnesses of your glory and faithfulness, amazed to discover how your love can change all bad things to good! God, we ask that you stay with us, and for us to be able to see your grace every day.

**Many: Be with us and awaken within us the call to love one another, in the way it was made real through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“Lord of the Dance”

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Video by John Paul Miller-Purrenhage)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Since our services are posted publicly on Facebook, we ask that you either leave people unnamed in your prayer requests [ex: prayers for a friend who is in his last stages of life] or that you obtain permission from anyone you wish to name in prayer.)*

OFFERING MOMENT

*Please give what you can by mail or through prayers.  
If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart [hartacre3@aol.com](mailto:hartacre3@aol.com)*

CHILDREN’S PAGEANT

HYMN #245 vs1

“The Day of Resurrection”

SCENE 1

Luke 24:1-10

Nora, Chris and Kelly Clark

HYMN 347

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

SCENE 2

Luke 24:13-32

Jackson and Mason Lipsey

HYMN 253 Vs 1& 2

“Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One”

SCENE 3

John 20:19-29

Matilda, Hilde, Thea and Paul Oatman

HYMN 254

“These Things Did Thomas Count”

SCENE 4

John 21:1-14

Kyler and Beth Posey

HYMN #240 vs 1&5

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

SCENE 5

Matthew 28:16-20

Matilda, Hilde, Thea & Paul Oatman

FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, I Lift your Name on High”

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (sung once)

**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful**

**In the Lord, I will rejoice!**

**Look to God, do not be afraid.**

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

POSTLUDE

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus - Adaptation”

*(Arranged by Chuck Byam, Jr)*

Please join us for a short fellowship time on Zoom at 12 noon

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## SUNDAY ROSTER

**Liturgist** – Chris Clark

**Fresh Perspective** – Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

**Musical and Video Guest** – John Paul Miller-Purrenhage

**Virtual Coordinator** – Kelly Stuible-Clark

**Music Coordinator** – Kelly Stuible-Clark

**Pianist** – Chuck Byam

**Children's Pageant Participants and Tech Crew-**

Thea, Paul, Matilda and Hilde Oatman

Kyler and Beth Posey

Tamara, Mason, and Jackson Lipsey

Chris, Kelly and Nora Clark

Kaleb Crawford

# The Day of Resurrection

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*John of Damascus, 8th century*

*Mark 16:1-6*

*Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.*

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;  
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;  
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,  
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,  
our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

*A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn. John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.*

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
Henry T. Smart, 1836

HOLY COMMUNION

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time p, second time f)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain  
Jamaican folk song  
Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975



(Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

Matt. 28:1-10; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:54-55

Edmond L. Budry, 1904  
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

1 A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té! A toi la vic - toi - re,  
1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory  
2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for  
3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives

pour l'é - ter - ni - té! Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est de - scen -  
you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - dian - ce rolled the stone a -  
noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph  
peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and

du, il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.  
way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.  
sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.  
Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.

Refrain

A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té!  
Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!

A toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!  
End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

# These Things Did Thomas Count

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1984

John 20:19-31

1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of  
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind was keen e -  
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could  
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the

blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the heft of  
nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex - pect - ed  
live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers read like  
ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw, im - print - ed palms reached

stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.  
act too large for his small world of fact.  
Braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.  
out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

*The author cites his "reading of twentieth-century theology and its coming to terms with the limits of the enlightenment and rational cognition" as the foundational thought for this text.*

Tune: DISTRESS L.M.  
The Sacred Harp, 1844  
Arr. Jonathan McNair, 1993

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## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10

St. 1 transl., Lyra Davidica, London, 1708  
St. 2-5 transl., The New Century Hymnal, 1994

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 To the tomb the wom - en bring, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 There the an - gel clothed in white, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 "Has - ten now to Gal - i - lee," Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 Christ ap - pears in full ar - ray, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Spic - es rich, an of - fer - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Tells the news with great de - light, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "Tell the oth - ers what you see!" Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sing with joy this Pas - chal day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ask - ing where might Je - sus be, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 This the news the an - gel gives, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 With ex - cite - ment trem - bling, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ now from the dead is raised, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*  
 Suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sav - ior come to set us free, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 That the Sov - ereign glo - rious lives, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Off they run, good news to bring, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ho - ly Trin - i - ty be praised, Al - le - lu - ia!