



Clemmons Presbyterian Church

10:00 am Worship Service

April 14, 2024

A warm welcome is extended to all.

WELCOME

Leigh Wisner

THE LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION and THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Mary McDonald

We Gather Around The Word,

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kaylee Hilston

One: The Risen One has come alongside us on our journey from the empty tomb.

All: He speaks to us with love and encouragement, the word that frees us from our sorrows.

One: A guest among us, he becomes the Host.

All: He makes himself known still today in the breaking of bread.

One: Let us celebrate the promise of life, for Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

*HYMN #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Brian Wren

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of empty tombs: Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith, while we remain silent. The psalmist speaks of trusting in you, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.

God of full hearts: your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

*TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers to us! We really are God's people - that is exactly who we are!

All: We are God's children - those whose lives have been changed by the One who loves us and forgives us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Since God has opened his heart to us in Jesus Christ,
in Jesus Christ let us open our hearts to each other.
May the peace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Please greet other worshippers with the peace of God,
introduce yourself and offer personal greetings.*

*HYMN #581

Glory Be to the Father

Henry Greatorex

to Hear God's Word,

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

Carol Helms

You who have created us and sustain us: we come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you and toward our brothers and sisters; a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts and touch us with your presence and your power. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3: 1-7

ANTHEM

Behold the Risen Lamb

arr. Fettke

*Behold your God, the risen Lamb,
The perfect Son of Righteousness;
The Lord of All, the great I Am,
The King of glory and of grace!*

*Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Whoever lives and pleads for me.*

*Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is now made free;
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.*

*One with my Lord, I cannot die:
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is safe with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God*

TIME FOR CHILDREN & PENNIES FOR HUNGER

Kaylee Hilston

Jesus Loves Me

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24: 36b-48

SERMON

Leigh Wisner

to Respond to the Word,

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic[^] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

[^] (universal)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on "Bunessan"

David Lasky

*DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hal Hopson

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debts/debtors...)

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.

and to be Sent with the Word.

*HYMN #295

Go to the World!

Sylvia Dunstan

*BENEDICTION

*THE CHIMES

*Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
signal the end of our worship and call us forth into a new week of service.*

POSTLUDE

Trumpette Melodious

Craig A. Penfield

*Please stand as you are able.

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

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

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you
teint ja - mais, ne s'é-teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al -

kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.
lu - me le feu qui ne s'é-teint ja - mais, ne s'é-teint ja - mais.

THE CHURCH

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.