

April 7, 2024
Second Sunday in Easter

*indicates when you are invited to stand
BOLDED WORDS are read aloud together

GATHERING

We are drawn together as God's beloved community

PRELUDE

Adagio

Chen Liang
STANLEY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Jeny Carlson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God!

**Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we have been given a brand-new life, and a glorious future!**

Rebecca Roop-Kharasch

Come into God's presence with praise and thanksgiving, with laughter and song.

**Give thanks to God,
and praise Their Holy Name!**

***HYMN OF GATHERING #246**

Christ is Alive!

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Rev. Martín Jiménez

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***GLORIA #582**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen

World without end, without end, Amen. (3x)

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Rev. Jeny Carlson

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

GOD'S WORD

We hear the testimony of God's faithful acts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Roop-Kharasch

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your Word with joy. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ps. 133

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SECOND LESSON

John 20:19-31

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Jeny Carlson

Jesus Brought Receipts

***HYMN OF REFLECTION #177**

I Will Come to You

THE EUCHARIST

We offer ourselves in thanksgiving. With gratitude, we receive God's gifts.

OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Jeny Carlson

***DOXOLOGY #608**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Savior, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After the spoken prayer, there will be an open time of prayer for the congregation to offer a short sentence of prayer.

Leader: Lord, In your mercy,

Congregational refrain: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kin-dom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Rev. Jeny Carlson

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE SENDING

We move out into the world by the power of the Spirit in boldness

***HYMN OF SENDING #273**

He is King of Kings

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jeny Carlson

POSTLUDE

Morning

Chen Liang
WONG

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

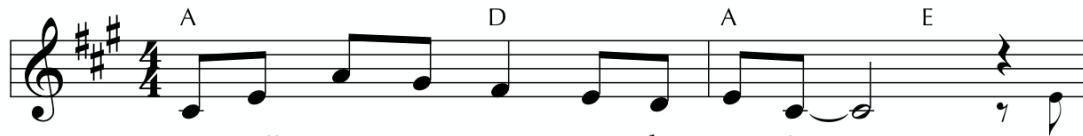
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All

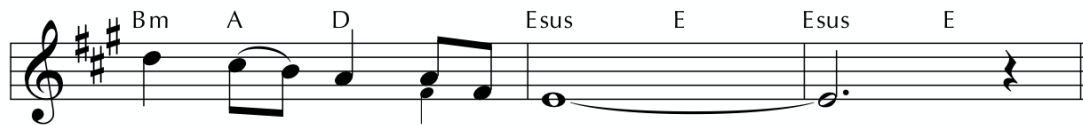
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



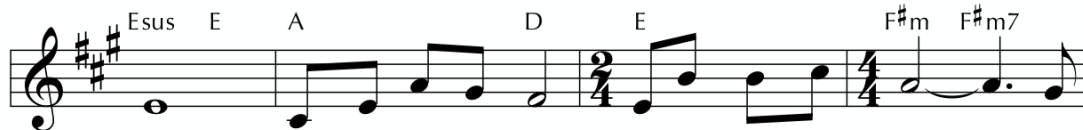
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain All

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

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He Is King of Kings

Refrain

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the

first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him.

1 He built his throne up in the air; and
 2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and
 3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and

called his saints from ev - ery - where;
 broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is
 by his love sweet bless - ing gives;

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response "no one works like him" shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.