

# Central Presbyterian Church

*Seeking justice, loving kindness, walking humbly.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026 at 11:00 am ET



# Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

Phillip Morgan

Call to Worship

Livvy

One: Children of God,

**All: God's love is always with us.**

One: God made the world and everything in it.  
Children of God,

**All: God's love is always with us.**

One: God gives humans life and breath and all good things.  
Children of God,

**All: God's love is always with us.**

One: God is never far from each of us.  
Children of God,

**All: God's love is always with us.**

\* Hymn No. 246

“Christ Is Alive”

Congregation

TRURO

Prayer of Confession

Chandra Kearns

**Loving God,**

**sometimes it is hard to be kind.**

**Sometimes we don't want to help other people**

**Sometimes we don't want to share.**

**We are sorry.**

**Forgive us and help us live as your children.**

(a time for silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Promise

One: Friends, do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God and God's promise of grace.  
Once we had not received mercy,  
but now we have received mercy.

**All: In Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

Song of Thanksgiving  
Hymn No. 243

“Be Not Afraid”

Congregation

BE NOT AFRAID

## The Journey

### \* Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

\*Song of Community  
Hymn No. 240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Congregation

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*(We will sing verse 2.)*

## Listening

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

One: The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Molly Atkinson

## Responding

\* Hymn No. 241

“Woman, Weeping in the Garden”

Congregation

KINGDOM

Prayers of Intercession

Offering *(To make a donation please see the options on the back page of the bulletin.)*

Offertory

\* Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Hymn No. 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\* Prayer of Commitment

Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God is here among us.

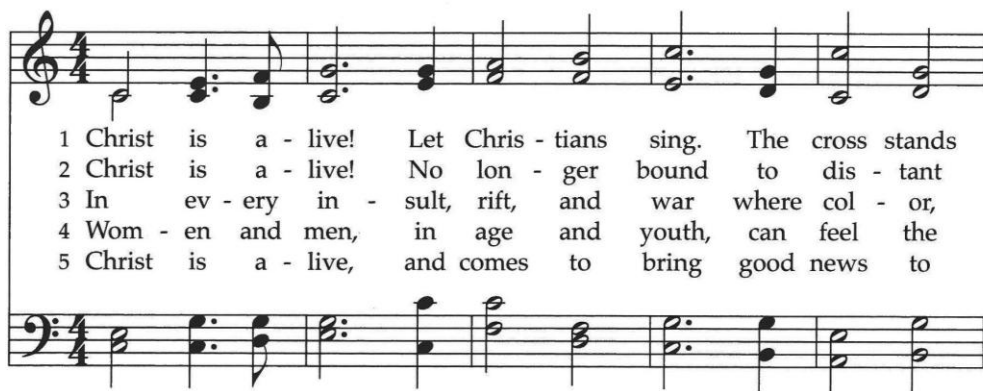
Let us open our hearts to God.

**All: We open them to God and to one another.**

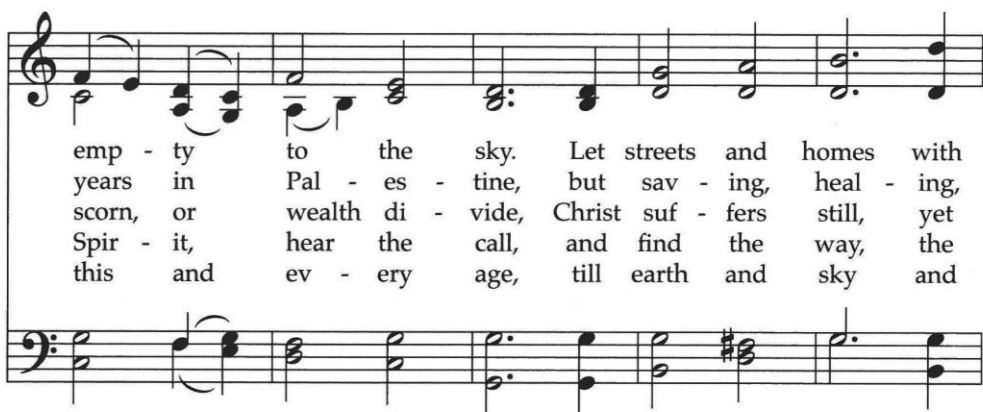


# Christ Is Alive!

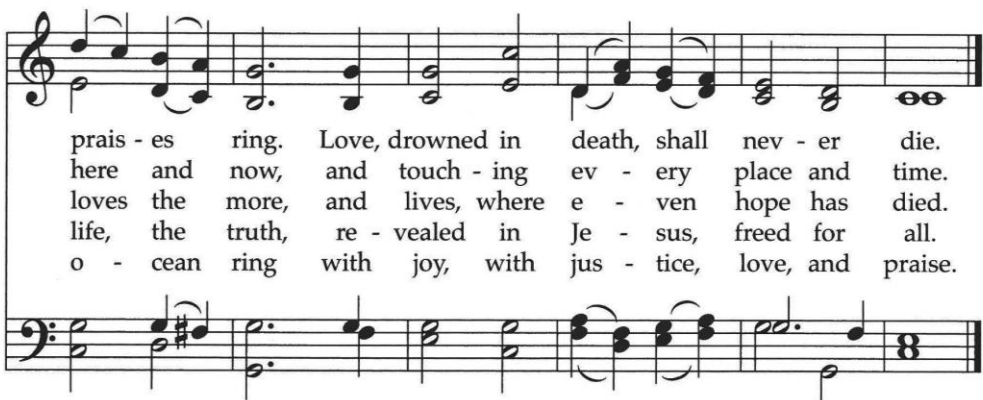
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a -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

# Be Not Afraid

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Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal melody with lyrics: "Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!". The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and bass notes.

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of music is identical to the first, featuring the same vocal melody and bass accompaniment. It concludes with a double bar line at the end of the piece.

# 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

*Refrain* E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,


E C#m F#m B to Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.


# Woman, Weeping in the Garden 241



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has  
2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter  
3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus  
4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for  
5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the

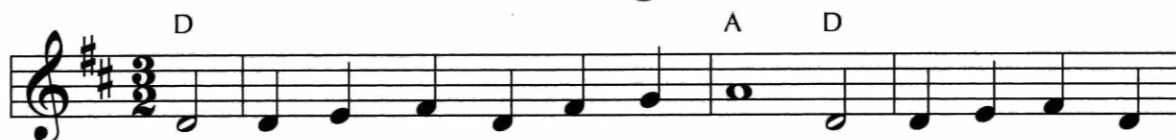


pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'  
men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their  
takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - dener calls you,  
joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,  
oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?  
wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.  
"Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.  
ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.  
prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

## 609

Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



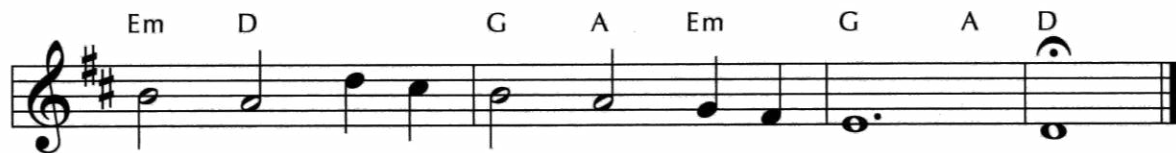
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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LM with alleluias

(alternate harmonization, 10)

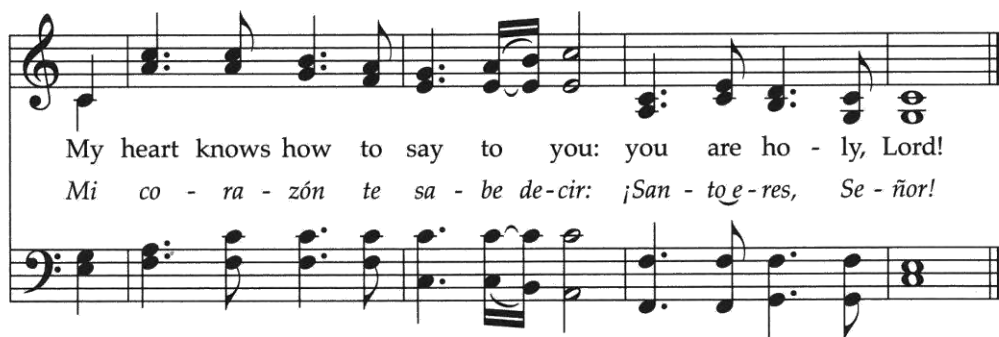
# Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Santo, santo, santo*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!  
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!



My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!  
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

# Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

## Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

# 242 Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the

gos - pel spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ

ris - en from the dead!

1 Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
2 Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to

pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - tery, hope of our glo - ry;

sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor

wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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