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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 16, 2017**  
**9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

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## WELCOME

Because we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL people, *without exception*, to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of this church. For a description of our worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and at 6:30 a.m. on Thursdays, visit our website at [www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org).

## FAMILY ROOM

For parents with infants and toddlers, our Family Room, located in the balcony, offers rockers, books, toys, and a comfortable place for diaper changes. Childcare provided by our well-trained childcare staff is also available in Room 103 and 104 of the Education Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

## SUNDAY PARKING

For mobility-impaired individuals as well as those needing close-in parking, reserved handicap and accessible parking spaces are designated by signage along the wall of the Trial Lawyers' building. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking in the Trial Lawyer's garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets and at open meters around the church. This will allow our church parking lot to be used by visitors and those needing access to the handicap entrance and elevator on the north side of the Education Building.

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## GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

*Asterisks (\*) indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

*As you prepare for worship, please pray for those listed in the bulletin insert. If there are others that you would like our congregation to pray for, please fill out the Communication Card and place it in the offering plate.*

### OPENING MUSIC

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

William Mathias

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise;  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen!

Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel hands be gathered,  
and be ever safe with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;  
alleluia! to the Savior,  
who has gained the victory;  
alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

Alleluia!

Christopher Wordsworth

Good Christian friends rejoice and sing!  
 Now is the triumph of our King!  
 To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia!  
 The Lord of life is risen this day! Alleluia!  
 Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way. Alleluia!  
 Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia!  
 Praise we in songs of victory  
   that love, that life which cannot die,  
   and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia!  
 Your name we bless, O risen Lord  
   and sing today with one accord,  
   the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia!  
 Good Christian friends rejoice and sing! Alleluia!

Cyril A. Arlington

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### Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise!

LLANFAIR - Robert Williams

Arr. Dan Forest

If God be for us, who can be against us?  
 He who did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for all,  
   shall he not with him freely give us all things?  
 Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!  
 To his throne above the skies, alleluia!  
 Christ, awhile to mortals given, alleluia!  
 Reascends his native heaven, alleluia!  
 There the glorious triumph waits, alleluia!  
 Lift your heads, eternal gates, alleluia!  
 Christ has conquered death and sin, alleluia!  
 Take the King of Glory in, alleluia!

Romans: 8:31-32

Charles Wesley

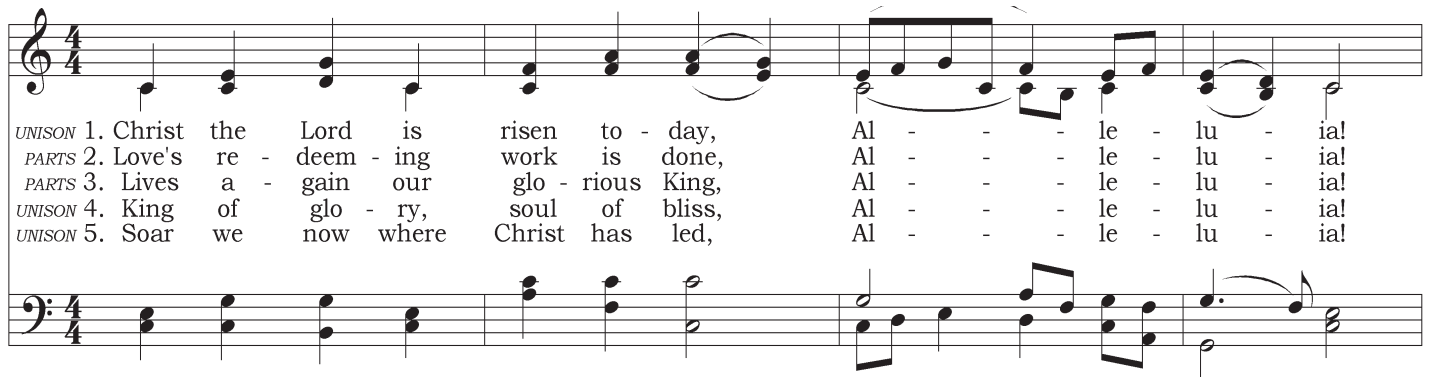
## ENTERING THE HOLY

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

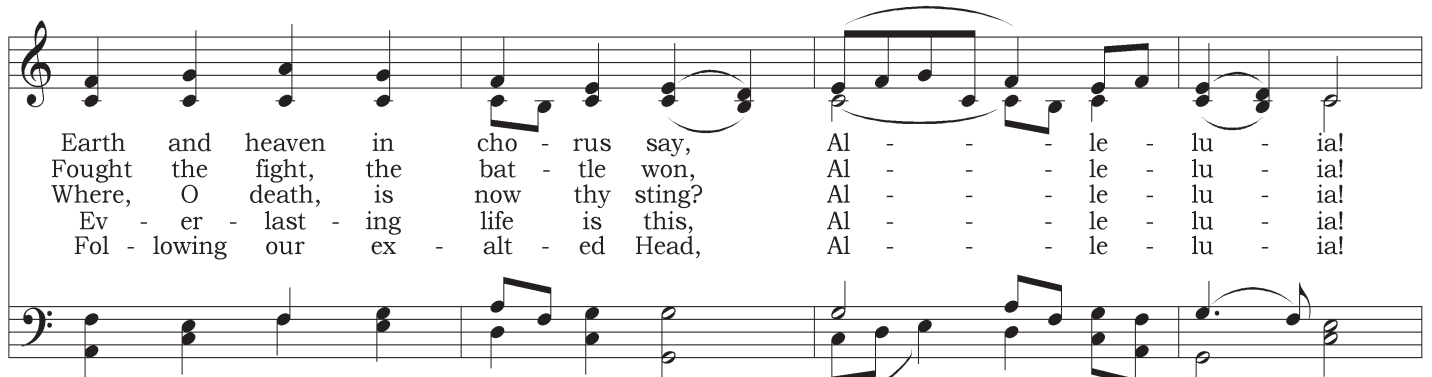
Alleluia!  
 Christ is Risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**  
 Alleluia!  
 Darkness has been vanquished!  
**The brilliant light of hope has come!**  
 Let us worship and celebrate the good news:  
 Christ is Risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**  
 Alleluia!

\* HYMN

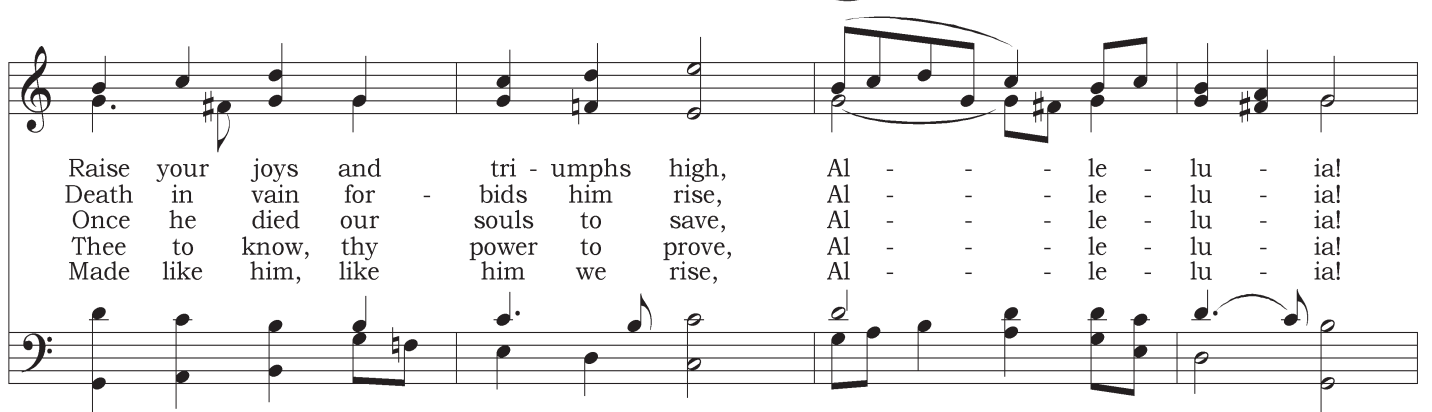
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



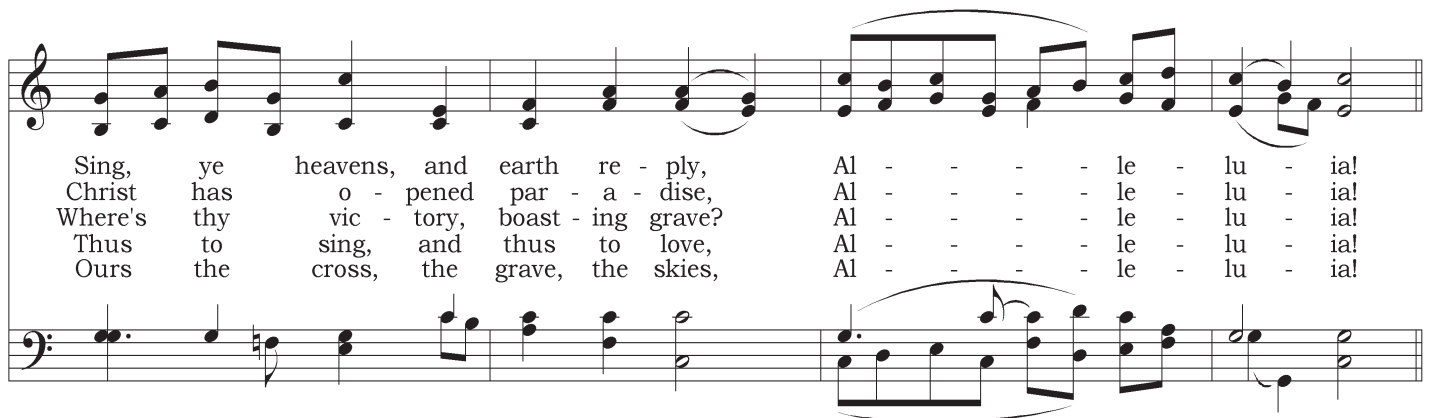
UNISON 1. Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 PARTS 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 PARTS 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 UNISON 4. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 UNISON 5. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - - le - lu - ia!



Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - - - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - - - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: EASTER HYMN - Lyrta Davidica

## OPENING PRAYER

Creator of Life,  
in raising Christ Jesus  
up, through, out of, and beyond  
the chains of death,  
You opened for us the way  
to eternal and abundant life.

May our Alleluias on this day  
float high above the ceiling  
of what we think we know  
and transcend to the heaven of  
what we believe—  
and thus live.

Raise us up!  
Renew our lives!  
Resurrect our dreams!  
Through Jesus Christ our Living Savior.  
Amen.

Karen Turner

## WELCOME

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

HYMN 307

Christ Is Risen

*The congregation remains seated to sing as the children come forward.*

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### \* THE ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Music: VICTORY - Giovanni P. da Palestina; arr. by W. H. Monk

### \* EASTER GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

New Testament, Page 109

## SERMON

### PASTORAL PRAYER

God,  
empty tombs and risen Lords,  
stones that have rolled,  
and resurrection,

for some it is easy to believe  
for others it is just daft  
but for most  
we wonder  
what might be possible.

God,  
if love is the greatest power in the universe  
we wonder  
what might be possible

if love chooses to carry on loving  
even those who try and kill it,  
what might be possible

and if love decides to give of itself  
for the sake of others,  
what might be possible

so in our wonder  
and our longing for such a love as this  
that changes things  
may we dare to believe  
in what seems impossible  
and dare to live  
impossible lives  
that hope beyond death  
but believe in life before death

may we live this kind of love  
that dares to work for justice  
and the fullness of life for everyone  
that dares to work for peace  
and the fullness of peace for everyone  
because we believe in love,  
which has become  
the most powerful thing in the universe  
because it gives of itself.

God,  
may we make time  
in this season of renewal and life  
to wonder  
and wonder  
what love might make possible  
in us.

Amen.

## **INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY**

*Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Communication Card during worship and place it in the offering plate. The next First Steps Class is Sunday, June 4, at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.*

# FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

## OFFERING

Canticle for Easter Day

HOLY MANNA / Traditional USA Melody

HYMN TO JOY / Ludwig van Beethoven / Arr. Patti Drennan

Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness;  
sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He, who on the cross a victim,  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.  
Now the iron bars are broken;  
Christ from death to life is born,  
glorious life, and life immortal,  
on this holy Easter morn.  
Christ has triumphed,  
and we conquer by his mighty enterprise.  
We with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.  
Christ is risen, we are risen!  
Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that, with hearts in heaven dwelling,  
we on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.  
Alleluia! Now we gain our liberty;  
alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory!  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;  
alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Christopher Wordsworth

## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -  
lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up -  
lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

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Music: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN* - Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

## \* INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*In The United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. It does not matter whether you are a member of this or any church. We welcome all, regardless of age or situation in life.*

## \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,  
made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,  
and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord: God of pow'r and God of might.  
Heav'n and earth your glo - ry fills: Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord:  
Ho - san - na in the high - est! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead  
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,  
he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

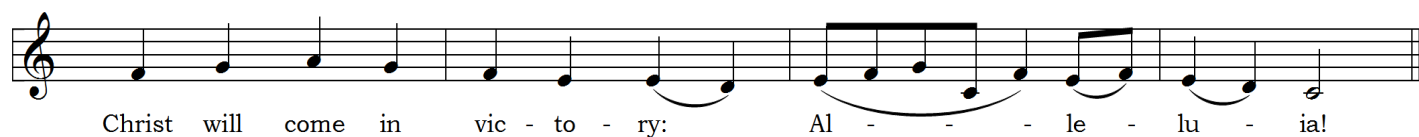


On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
 he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
 gave it to his disciples, and said:  
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
 Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
 gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
 "Drink from this, all of you;  
 this is my blood of the new covenant,  
 poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead  
 he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,  
 and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued  
 in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
 as a holy and living sacrifice,  
 in union with Christ's offering for us,  
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
 Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
 that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
 one with each other,  
 and one in ministry to all the world,  
 until Christ comes in final victory,  
 and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
 all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,  
 now and forever.



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread lightly in the cup. After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.  
If you would like to be served in your seat, please let an usher know that, or ask someone sitting near you to communicate that to the servers.  
Gluten-free wafers and cups are available at the left (north) side station. As you approach the servers, please indicate that you would like to receive a wafer.*

**COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING**

*It is a United Methodist custom to receive a freewill love offering, over and above our regular giving, at the communion rail. Today, all gifts left on the rail will go to our Easter Offering.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**All Are Welcome**

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live, a  
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and true, where  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and wheat: a  
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone to  
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard and

place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -  
 all God's chil - dren dare to seek to dream God's reign a -  
 ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice  
 heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've  
 loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of  
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's  
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and  
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's  
 Word. Built of tears and cries of laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of

grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: all are wel - come,  
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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## This Is the Feast

### *Antiphon*



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



1. ——— Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - - - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - - - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free - to be peo - ple of God.  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men.  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

*D.C.*

### *Final Antiphon*



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Revelation 5:12-13; trans. by John W. Arthur

Music: Richard Hillert

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Sing with All the Saints in Glory

## THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

**Triune God,  
 you have fed us  
 with the body and blood of Christ,  
 uniting us with you,  
 filling us with the power  
 that raised Jesus from the dead.  
 Send us, rejoicing, to declare with Mary,  
 in hearts, and hands, and voices,  
 that day has dawned,  
 and we have seen the Risen Lord.  
 Amen.**

# GOING OUT TO SERVE

## \* BENEDICTION

## \* BENEDICTION RESPONSE      Hallelujah (*Messiah*)

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become  
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;  
and he shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of kings, and Lord of lords, hallelujah!

Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16

## CLOSING MUSIC

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

### *Preacher*

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

### *Liturgists*

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

### *Music Director/Organist*

Scott Davis

### *Associate Music Director*

Wendi Olinger

### *Trumpets*

Nathaniel Mayfield and Michael Rey

### *French Horn*

Zach Morgan

### *Trombone*

Jamey van Zande

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Words: Traditional, alt.

Music: EASTER HYMN - Lyra Davidica