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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 1, 2018**  
**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 Connections Card and place it in the offering plate.*

## OPENING MUSIC

Most Glorious Lord of Life

John Rutter

Most glorious Lord of life,  
that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin,  
and having harrowed hell,  
didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win!  
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
and grant that we for whom thou didst die,  
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
may live forever in felicity:  
and that thy love we weighing worthily,  
may likewise love thee for the same again;  
and for thy sake that all like dear didst buy,  
with love may one another entertain with love.  
So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;  
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.  
The day of Resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.  
Amen.

Edmund Spenser and St. John Damascene; trans. J.M. Neale

Worthy the Lamb!

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extoll;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”  
let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;  
though hid from our sight, his presence we have,  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
all honor and blessing with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Charles Wesley

La Réjouissance

George Frideric Handel

Royal Fireworks Music HWV 351

## ENTERING THE HOLY

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Alleluia!

We thought the story was finished,  
**but the story has just begun!**

We thought that hope had ended,  
**but hope is born anew!**

We thought that death had won,  
**but love has claimed the victory!**

Alleluia!

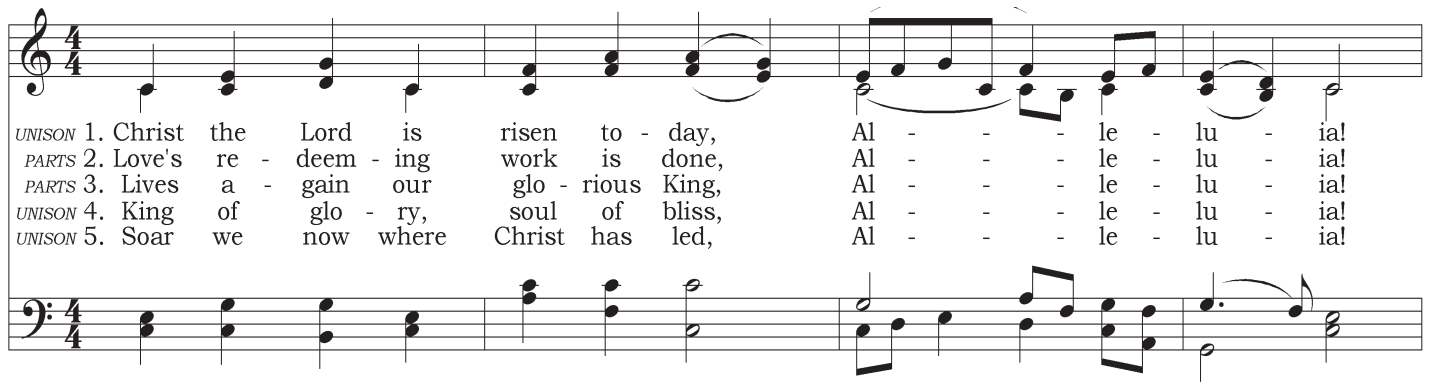
Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

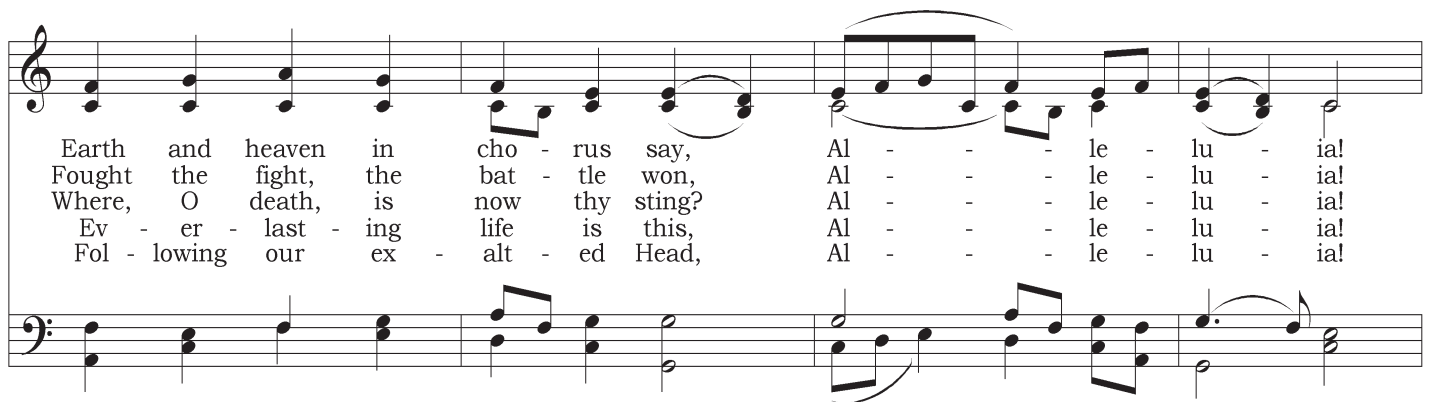
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\* HYMN

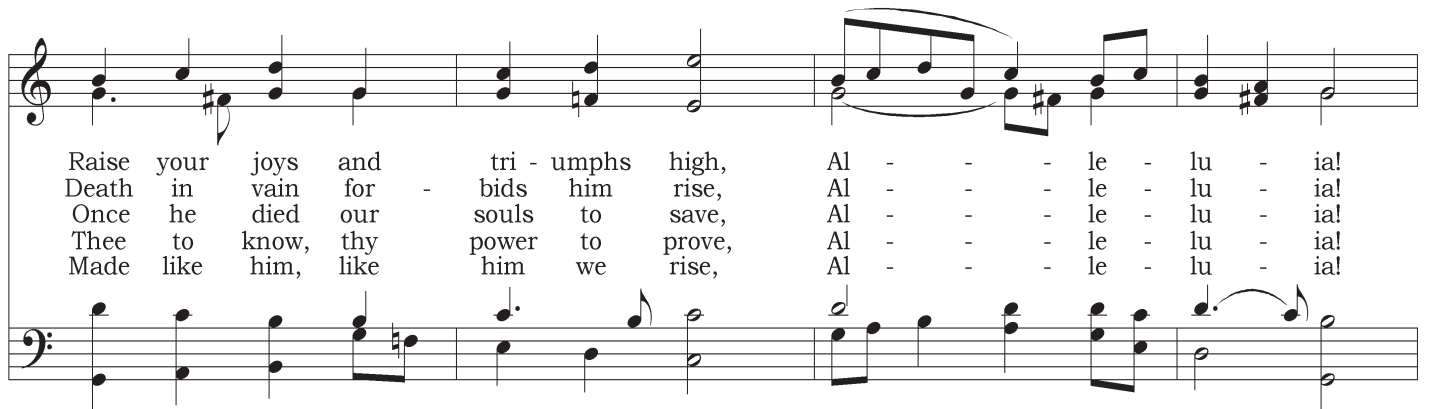
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



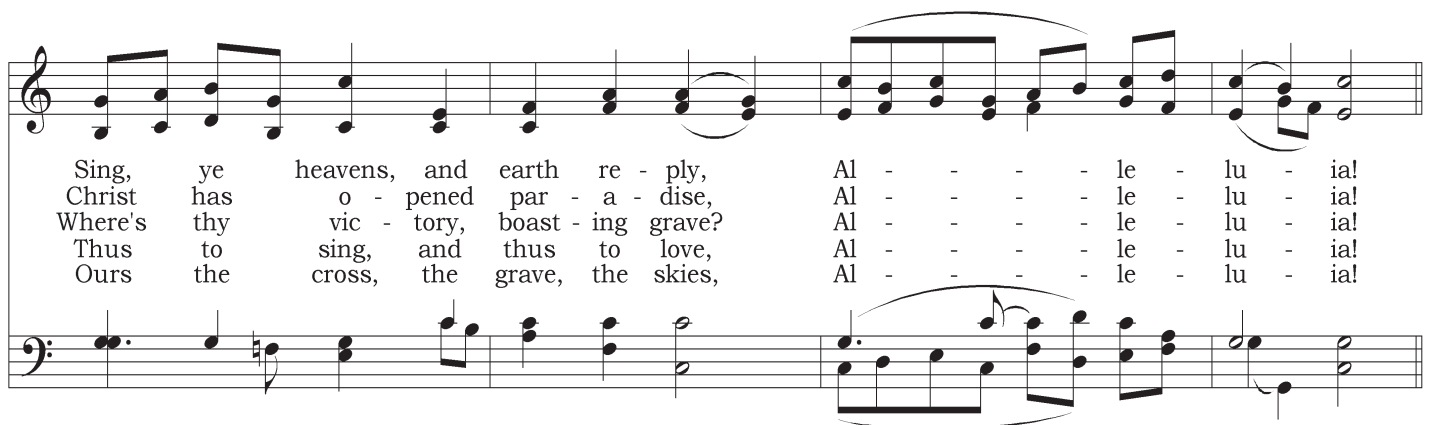
UNISON 1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 PARTS 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 PARTS 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 UNISON 4. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 UNISON 5. Soar we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

## OPENING PRAYER

God of our darkest and our brightest days,  
we can hardly believe it is true:  
in weakness and pure, sacrificial love,  
you have won the victory over death and evil,  
and we are forever free.

We sing and we shout Alleluia on this festival day,  
and we pray that by your grace,  
our singing and shouting and feasting  
would yield a more abundant life for all.

Renew our hope!  
Resurrect our joy!  
Raise us up, once again!

Through the one who lives,  
and in whom we live,  
Jesus the Christ.  
Amen.

## WELCOME

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### HYMN 307

### Christ Is Risen

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

## TIME WITH 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

Mark 16:1-8

New Testament, Page 51

9:00 a.m. Lara Greene, *Director of Children's Ministry*

11:00 a.m. Devon Bailey, *Director of Youth Ministry*

## SERMON

## The Unfinished Story

### PASTORAL PRAYER

God of resurrection, God of new life,  
we are here because we are hungry for hope.  
We live in a world beset by evil.  
Just when we begin to settle in,  
thinking that humanity has made progress,  
we are getting better,  
our society is more loving,  
then,  
another act of violence,  
another uprising of hatred,  
another confounding blow to our souls.  
We even disappoint ourselves.

We long for a new world.  
We long for new life.

Give us the grace to believe  
in what you have made possible.  
Give us a glimpse of your imagination,  
to see the end of the story.

In the meantime,  
grant us the courage to live today,  
leaning eagerly toward a world  
in which every tear is wiped away,  
every gun is laid down,  
every grudge released,  
every belly filled.

Lead us in lives of death  
and resurrection,  
that, as we follow you,  
we, too, might become living  
signs of hope.

Through Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

*Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, 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 Connections Card during worship and place it in the offering plate or email Trevor Harper at [trevor@fumcaustin.org](mailto:trevor@fumcaustin.org). The next class is April 15 at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.*

# FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

## OFFERING

## A Song to the Lamb

Gerre Hancock

Splendor and honor and kingly power  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
for you created everything that is  
and by your will they were created,  
and have their being.

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
from every family, language, people and nation,  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,  
for ever, and for evermore.

Alleluia!

Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13; from "Services for Trial Use" 1971;

Charles Mortimer Guilbert - *The Standard Book of Common Prayer*

## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures 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:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en: Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ will come in vic - to - ry: Al - - - le - lu - ia!

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.

A - men, a - men, a - - - men: Al - - - le - lu - ia!

## 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 - quiet 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.

Words: Marty Haugen

Music: TWO OAKS - Marty Haugen

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## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter his the throne;  
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, here on earth our food, our stay!  
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, you the Lord of lords we own:

Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;  
 Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:  
 Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day:  
 Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne:

Hark! the songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;  
 though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,  
 you with - in the veil, have en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest:

Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 here on earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix

Music: HYFRYDOL - Rowland Hugh Prichard

## 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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### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar in loving memory of Cate George by her family.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher*

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgists*

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

*Music Director/Organist*

Scott Davis

*Associate Music Director*

Wendi Olinger

*Brass Quartet*

Nathaniel Mayfield

Zachary Morgan

Michael Rey

James Van Zandt

### COMMUNION MUSIC

Words: Traditional, alt.

Music: EASTER HYMN - Lyra Davidica