



LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

***Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith
joined together through Christ, offering meaning and
hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.***

***10 Simmonsville Rd
Bluffton, SC 29910***

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Silent Prayer

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Jerry Anderson, piano – Karen Ball, organ

Hymn 232

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Chris Herrin

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus is Alive!

**People: The stone across the entrance of the grave could not keep him locked away.
He is alive!**

Leader: Soldiers and guards could not keep him locked away. He is alive!

**People: All of the cruelty and hate of this world could not keep him locked away.
He is alive!**

Leader: Death itself could not keep him. He is alive! Come let us worship God.

Hymn #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Invocation

Rev. Herrin

Unison Prayer of Confession

Rev. Stephanie Dion

God of all people, be our God. We have forgotten who you are. We have turned away from what is right and good. We have participated in those actions which sent Jesus to the cross. We have rejected Christ as out of date and impractical. We set our minds on things of the earth rather than on your will. O God, we do not want to continue our destructive ways. We do not want to live in fear or act out of fear. Grant that we may see and believe the fullness of life you intend for us. Strengthen us to live as resurrection people. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response

Hymn #240

*“Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name”*

Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Gloria Patri # 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and 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 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.

Hymn

Because He Lives

**God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone!
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives!**

Piano Solo

Were You There?
Jerry Anderson, piano

Spiritual/arr. Virginia Halberg

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Power for the Present"

Rev. Chris Herrin

Hymn #233

The Day of Resurrection!

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal, of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful; Let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

Benediction

Rev. Herrin

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven/arr. Joel Raney

Please remember in prayer these members:

Marilyn Miesner at Hilton Head Hospital

Bob Harding

Cindy Marshall

Dave Tanner

Shirley Wanket

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Stuart Kimble. A service to be planned for the future at LPC.