



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, April 4, 2021  
Easter Sunday**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Prelude**

*River Flows in You*  
by Yiruma

Hyoun Joo Song

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Katie Day

**Introit**

*Hallelujah!* from *The Mount of Olives*  
by Ludwig van Beethoven

Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Jody Andrade

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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**Hymn 246**

*Christ is Alive!*

# Christ Is Alive!

# 246

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.

**Easter Prayer (in unison)**

Jody

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us: the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, call us into communion with you and fill us with the joy of resurrection, so that we may be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

**Passing of the Peace**

Jody

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

**The Word Read and Proclaimed****Children's Sermon**

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

**Prayer for Illumination**Macy Ruple, Assoc. Director  
of Youth Ministry**First Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Macy

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Second Scripture Reading**

Mark 16: 1-8

Katie

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Sermon**

"Three Women"

Katie, Jody, and Jennie

## Sealing the Word in Our Lives

### The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Jennie

Communion Prayer

Jody

Words of Institution

Anthem

*Worthy is the Lamb*

Chancel Choir

George Frideric Handel

### 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Responding to the Word

### Invitation to Offering

Jennie

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- text givePHPC to 73256 or
- mail your offering to the church – 3700 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA 30096

### Prayer of Dedication

Jennie

### Hymn 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

# 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
 un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

## Following the Word into the World

**Charge and Benediction**

Katie

**Postlude**

*Toccata from Symphony No. 5*  
by Charles-Marie Widor

Hyoun Joo

This morning's liturgy is adapted from  
*Feasting on the Word* and *Call to Worship*.  
The sermon drama is adapted from "Easter Panic" by the Rev. Kim Skilling.  
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