

# EASTER SEASON

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**EASTER GREETING | STANDING**



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ri - sen! Christ is ri-sen in - deed!



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## CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

Come from your places of darkness and despair.

**Light has overcome darkness!**

Come from your tombs of hopelessness.

**Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

Come out from hiding.

**Love has won!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Let us worship our living God!

## HYMN 248 | STANDING

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God,

**we confess that at times our doubts override our hope,  
and our fears take over our faith.**

**Forgive us when we lose sight of the gift of resurrection life,  
when our worries outweigh your peace,  
when we become too busy to pray,  
and when we fail to see our neighbors in need.**

**Remind us that we are called to be your faithful witnesses,  
and your humble servants.**

**Wake us up to the work of love,  
and to your renewing strength.**

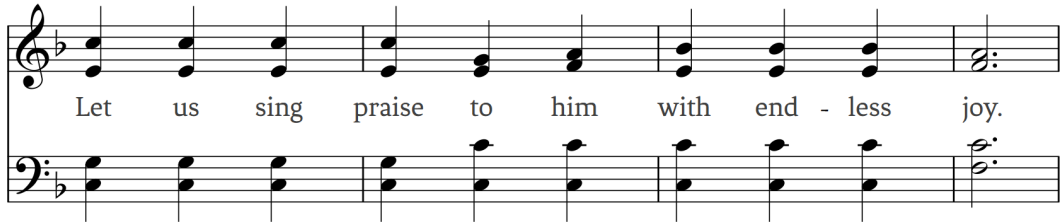
*Silence is kept for personal confession.*

**Amen.**

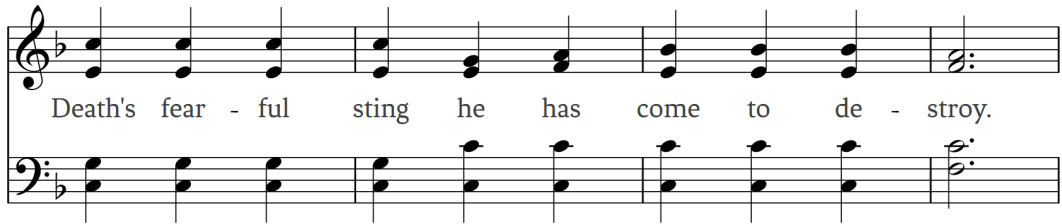
## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

# WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

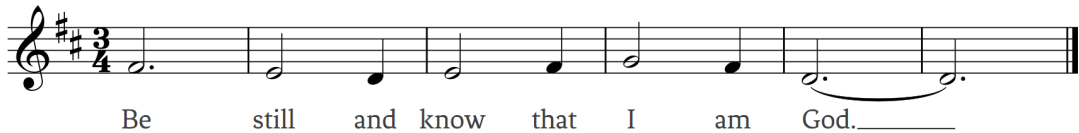
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 46

Be Still and Know

*The cantor sings the refrain once, then all repeat.*



God is our hope and our strength,

in need his help is near.

Though earth should shake and mountains may break,  
we will not ever fear. (refrain)

Come now and see what God has done:  
he makes all conflicts cease,  
breaking the bow and burning the shield,  
he gives the nations peace. (refrain)

Know then that I, the Lord, am God,  
exalted in this hour.

The Lord of hosts is with us still,  
and Jacob's God our tower. (refrain)

### THE EPISTLE

Romans 12:1-2

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Children (K-6) are dismissed to go to Sunday school following the readings.*

## SERMON

*White Noise*  
Rev. John Person

## CHORAL RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
and life more abundant and free!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in his wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.

His word shall not fail you he promised.  
Believe him, and all will be well.  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
his perfect salvation to tell!

## PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

from 1 Corinthians 15

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins,  
was buried,  
and was raised to life three days later.  
Afterwards he appeared to Mary and Peter,  
to his followers,  
to his brother, James,  
and to all the apostles.  
This we have received,  
and this we believe!  
Alleluia!  
Amen!**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

There is one Lord,\_\_\_ There is one faith,\_\_\_  
There is one bap - tis - m\_\_\_ There is one God. \_\_\_  
And we are all\_\_\_ chil - dren of God,\_\_\_  
born of one same\_\_\_ Spir - it,\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The final note of the fourth staff is a triplet of eighth notes.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of life...  
**hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER | STANDING

**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.**

# TABLE

## OFFERING

*After the offering, the congregation stands and sings "In the Breaking of the Bread" as the bread and juice are brought forward to the Lord's Table.*



1. In the break - ing of the bread, in the shar - ing of the wine,  
2. In our wor - ship, in the praise, in our ser - vice, in our prayer,



in the gath - ring of our hearts, we are filled with love di - vine.  
in the mu - sic that we raise, in the fel - low - ship we share.



At Christ's ta - ble our hearts are fed.  
At Christ's ta - ble we find our place.



There is grace in the break - ing of bread.  
In the break - ing of bread there is grace.



There is grace in the break - ing of bread. \_\_\_\_\_  
In the break - ing of bread there is grace. \_\_\_\_\_

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

This is the table of our risen Lord,  
the table where we remember how he gave himself for us,  
the table where we share the great feast of earth and heaven even now,  
the table where we expect to meet Jesus.

Christ is here,  
waiting for us,  
inviting us to share this holy feast.  
So whoever you are,  
wherever you have been,  
come and celebrate this holy feast this Easter season,  
because Jesus is here  
and invites us to join him in this feast.

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

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 God thanks and praise.**

Glorious God,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
for during this season all creation sings:  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
He has burst forth from the tomb  
to break the tangles of despair and death.  
Love is come again.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with those who stood at the empty tomb,  
as well as those of every time and place,  
singing our Easter joy...





heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - sa - na in\_\_\_ the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes\_\_\_ in the name\_ of the Lord.\_\_\_ Ho -

san - na in\_\_\_ the high - est,\_\_\_ ho - san - na in\_\_\_ the high - est.

Holy are you, God of glory,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ.

He entered the shadows of hell to lead us into hope's light;  
he took on our sin so we could be forgiven;  
he suffered death so we could enter life eternal.

Great is the mystery of our faith...

**On the first day of creation,  
Christ shaped all that is good and beautiful;  
on the first day of the week,  
Christ swallowed up death forever;  
on the last day,  
Christ will call us to his eternal banquet.**

Holy God,  
pour out your Spirit upon us,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be for us  
a communion in Christ's body and blood.  
As we take the bread  
from his scarred hands,  
may we reach out  
to mend our broken world.

As we drink from the cup,  
may our hearts and eyes be opened  
to see those the world overlooks,  
standing with them  
in every moment and place.  
And when our journey has ended,  
when at last all is revealed,  
we will take our places around  
the wedding banquet in heaven,  
joining our sisters and brothers  
in singing our praise to you,  
Eternal God,  
Three-in-One,  
now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

*The congregation is seated*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion.*

*Once you have received, please return by the side aisles,  
placing your cups in the baskets provided*

The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

### COMMUNION SONG

Adagio from Cello Sonata (Rachmaninov)

Warren Oja, cello

Carol Ricker, piano

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Risen Christ,  
we thank you for this meal,  
this season,  
this gift of resurrection.  
Send us out into your world  
to be the presence of love and hope  
to all who despair and fear,  
that all may have life,  
and life abundant. Amen!

## SENDING

**HYMN 246** | STANDING

Christ Is Alive!

**CHARGE AND BLESSING** | STANDING

**RECESSIONAL** | STANDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org). Sign up at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org) to receive our weekly email.*



### OFFERING

- Scan QR code
- Offering plate in worship
- Online at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org)

### PANCAKES AND PENTECOST: MAY 19

Mark your calendar! We will celebrate Pentecost with a pancake breakfast on May 19 following worship. The proceeds will help fund our Youth Mission Trip to Minneapolis this summer.

## SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: John Person, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Nancy Holly, Deacons

Lectors: Andy Langan, Sherri Lewis

Prayer Leader: Sherri Lewis

Communion Elements:

Communion Servers:

Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,

Kyra Kornfeld, Shannon McMullen,

Warren Oja

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