

**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

*April 4, 2021*

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*April 4, 2021*

*9:30 a.m.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

*The Minister:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The Congregation:* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*The Minister:* Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Congregation:* He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

*The Minister:* God has claimed us as his own.

*The Congregation:* He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

*The Minister:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All:* He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

Mitchell Cloutier, Violin Kelly Turner, Mandolin Scott Walker, Guitar

Charles Wesley, 1739

Easter Hymn

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to day," Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fol - l'wing 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 his rise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 made like him, like him we rise: Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!  
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!  
 thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. *Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” — *1 Corinthians 15:54-57*

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

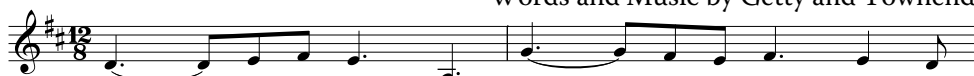
## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

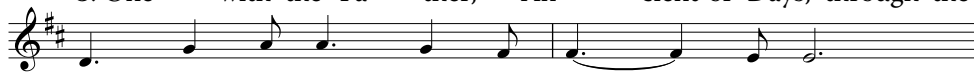
HYMN

“See, What a Morning”

Words and Music by Getty and Townend



1. See, what a morn - ing, glor - ious - ly bright, with the  
 2. See, Ma - ry weep - ing, “Where is he laid?” as in  
 3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;  
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb;  
 Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb filled with light, as the  
 hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; it's the  
 Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the



an - gels an - nounce, “Christ is ris - en!”  
 Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life a - gain!  
 King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty!



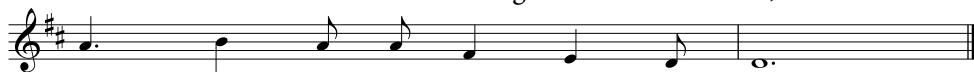
See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in  
 The voice that spans the years, speak - ing  
 And we are raised with him, death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice,  
 life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us,  
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered;



ful - filled in Christ, the Man, for he  
 will sound till he ap - pears, for he  
 and we shall reign with him, for he



lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

John 20:11-15

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

“Whom Are You Looking For?”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

John of Damascus, 8th cent.

Lancashire

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
 let the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from this world to the sky,  
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 in - vis - i - ble and vis - i - ble, their notes let all things blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

BENEDICTION



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