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Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Today's Lay Reader: Lynn Caterson

Welcome

Prelude

Easter Chimes

Lani Smith

Call to Worship

Leader: In joy of resurrection,

People: we claim the victory of Christ over the power of sin.

Leader: God has rolled away the stone

People: to reveal our salvation.

Leader: We look inside the tomb, and where Jesus once lay lifeless,

People: we find the gifts of God's grace and forgiveness.

Leader: Go and tell the world!

People: In Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -

earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er

heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

Opening Prayer

God of love and compassion, there are times when we doubt that situations will improve in the world or in our personal lives. Help us, Lord, to put on patience for your work to be done in us and around us. Let us witness your power, compassion, and faithfulness in ways we have not known before. Deepen our faith so that your light will grow in us as witnesses in the world. We thank you for your mercy and grace. Amen.

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

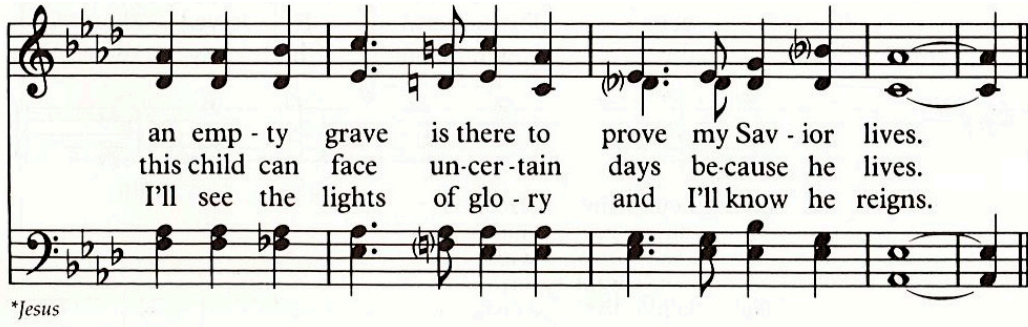
Hymn

Because He Lives

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;
2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;
and feel the pride and joy he* gives;
I'll fight life's fi nal war with pain;

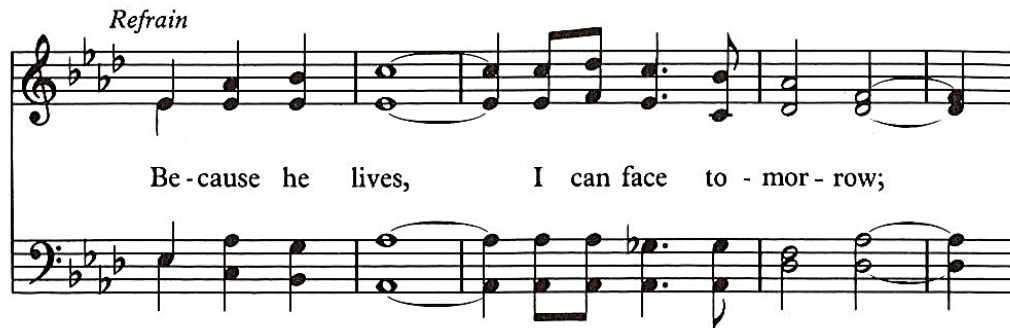
he lived and died to buy my par - don,
but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,
and then as death gives way to vic - tory,



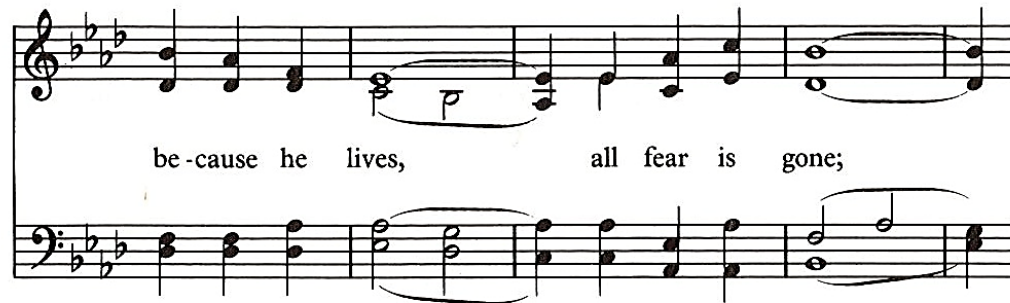
an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

*Jesus

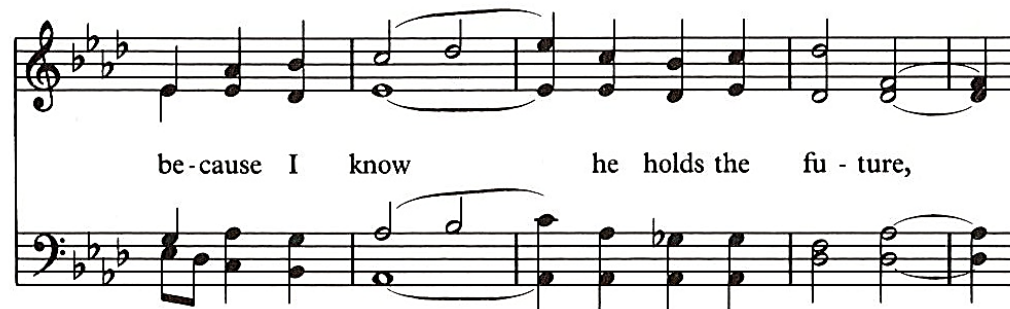
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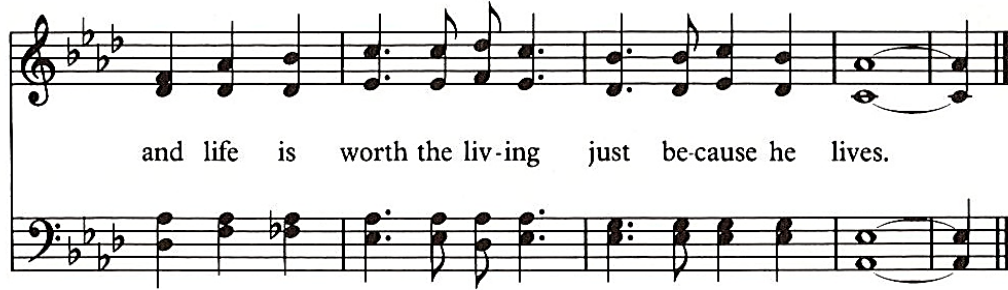
Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;



be - cause he lives, all fear is gone;



be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,



Senior Choir

This Is the Day

Jay Althouse

Young Disciples Chatting with Barb!

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:13-35 (*selected verses*)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

Will I Know?

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Because He Lives

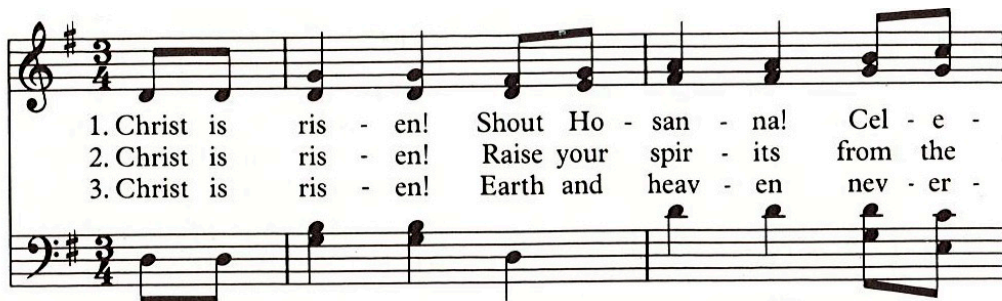
William J. Gaither

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

Christ Is Risen



brate this day of days. Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der;
cav - erns of des - pair. Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing.
more shall be the same. Break the bread of new cre - a - tion

all cre - a - tion is a - mazed. In the de - sert all - sur -
See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of res - ur -
where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, de - mon - ic

round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown. Healing leaves of
rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend; Je - sus is our
cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!" God the First and

grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

Benediction**Postlude**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz