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The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

APRIL 11, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SILENT MEDITATION: "Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song." –William M. James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Lani Smith

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Christ Is Risen"

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend,
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
""Christ is risen! Get you gone!""
God the First and Last is with us,
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a new day!

All: Again we testify to the Resurrection of our Lord.

One: We hear what is declared. What was seen. What was heard.

All: Doors that were closed are being opened.

One: The Risen Christ is present with us wherever and whenever we celebrate the resurrection.

All: Let us worship God! Christ lives! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Ever-present God, we want to know you; we want to see you; we want to believe and to trust you. Help our unbelief. Reveal your presence in our lives and in our world. Guide us to live as children of hope and faith, that we may truly experience the gift of resurrection. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI **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. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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 sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC **"Easter Bells with Joy are Ringing"** **Douglas E. Wagner**

SCRIPTURE **John 20:19-31**

SERMON **"Easter's Post Scriptum"**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" (vs 1-3) **VICTORY**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun:
Alleluia!**

**The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst:
Alleluia!**

**The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!**

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Joyful Eastertide"

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

Gracious and loving God, you raised Jesus from the dead, disclosing forever your great love for the world. We respond to such love with these gifts and our lives and pray that you will bless them. Send us out in the power of the Holy Spirit to reveal your love in all we do and say. We pray in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him He's always near

Refrain: He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart

In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind

Refrain

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"Resurrection Alleluias"

Tom Fettke

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Please join us for Virtual Sunday School. For more information do the following contact the church office.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

9:30 AM Virtual Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 AM Online Worship

Monday—Friday, 10:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org

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