



Second Sunday of Eastertide

Sunday, April 12, 2026

National City Christian Church

The Service of Worship

Prelude

Kevin Biggins Jr., Organist

Variations on *Lift High the Cross*

Arr. Janet Linker

*Processional Hymn

Congregation

Thine is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son; end- less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness,
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - querors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy

bod - y lay.
lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en con - quering Son;
home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won!

Welcome

Rev. Tori

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Tori

One: Good news, beloveds! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen, Indeed!

One: Up from the grave he arose

All: To bring everlasting life and love to all.

One: Christ will meet us where we are,

All: Be it behind a locked door or in our doubt.

One: The Good News is for all of us.

All: Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen, Indeed!

*** Hymn of Spiritual Readiness**

Congregation

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
has be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to - ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!". The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and some melodic lines.

The Service of the Word

Prayers of the People

Shana Williams

As we enter into a time of prayer together, we ask that you hold the following people in your heart and lift them up to God: Norman Kruse, Dorothy Davis, Betty Jones, Warren Brooks, Tim Schaefer, Eddie Franklin, Wes Strotman, Will White, Lon Schreiber, Monte Hillis and Carol Gesell. If you would like to add your name to this prayer list, please reach out to Pastor Stephanie or Terri Malone, Elder and Worship Chair.

Sacred Text: John 20:19-31 (NRSVUE)

Tawanna Lloyd

Hear these words from the Gospel of John. Let us open our hearts to receive the Good News once more:

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

One: The Word of God, for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to
 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 this and ev - ery age; till earth and sky and
 prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Message

Rev. Tori

The Service of Community

*The Lord's Prayer

Alan Williams

You're invited to rise as you are able and join in the Lord's Prayer using the language that resonates most with your Spirit and relationship to God.

**Our God who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name,
 Your Kindom come, Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
 Give us today 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 Kindom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen**

Cultivating Generosity

Alan Williams

Offertory

Chancel Choir

Praise the Lord from Judas Maccabeus

Arr. Hal H. Hopson, G.F. Handel

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*Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth.
 Sing alleluia Praise God's name forever more.*

*Shout, Sing and dance and celebrate;
 rejoice; let all within us praise God's name.*

O praise God's holy name forevermore.

***Doxology**

Congregation

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all peo - ple
 high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
 one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Tori

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

All: And also with you.

***Hymn of Response**

Congregation

The Day of Resurrection

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 heavens be joy - ful! Let earth its 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;
The world re - sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;

our Christ has 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 has ris - en, our Joy that has no end.

***Moment of Centering:** Psalm 100:3-5

Congregation

*Know that The Lord is God! God made us, and we belong to the Creator,
We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise!
Give thanks to God! Bless God's Name! For God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.*

The Service of the Table

*All are welcome to take communion. The elements are alcohol free and gluten free.
If you would like a deacon to bring communion elements to you in your pew, please raise your hand.
If you're in need of prayer, an elder is available at the back of the sanctuary.*

**Invitation to the Table
Prayers for the Bread and Cup
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Rev. Tori
Kathy Burger
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The Service of Going Forth

***Hymn of Going Forth**

Congregation

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright
(see next page)

***Benediction**

Rev. Tori

Postlude

Kevin Biggins Jr., Organist

Grand Chœur
By Théodore Salomé

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to three different parts of the hymn. The first system contains the first three lines of the first part. The second system contains the first three lines of the second part. The third system contains the first three lines of the third part. The fourth system contains the first three lines of the fourth part. The lyrics are as follows:

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright,
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed;
3 Come, ris - en Christ, with us a - bide

the sun shone out with fair - er light,
his wound - ed hands and feet he showed;
in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide;

when, to their long - ing eyes re - stored,
those scars their sol - emn wit - ness gave
your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield

the glad a - pos - tles saw their Lord.
that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
from ev - ery weap - on death can wield.



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