

PRELUDE

"Christ is Arisen"

Johann Kaspar Fischer

WELCOME

HYMN 113

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
Hannah Gabirel – Lead Singer

LLANFAIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O God, You are our God, we seek You!

People: Your steadfast love is better than life!

Minister: We think of You and meditate on You, in the watches of the night.

People: You, oh Lord have been our help!**All: Protected in the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy! Amen.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

ANTHEM

"Proverbs 3:5"
Joe Luksa, voice and guitar

Original composition by Joe Luksa

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: God of Easter and beyond, Your children often find ourselves disillusioned and filled with emptiness. We live as though the cross and death of Good Friday are the end. There is no "more." We walk away from hope. Forgive us for we are frail and life is difficult. Forgive us for closing our eyes to all the possibilities that await us. Turn us around to return to Your way of life. Make Yourself known to us, as You walk with us. May our hearts burn within us! Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

HYMN 108

"Christ Is Alive"
Hannah Gabirel – Lead Singer

TURO

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 116

Minister: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Minister: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on thy name.**People: So I will bless thee**

Minister: My soul is

feasted as with marrow and fat, and my mouth praises thee with joyful lips,

People: when I think of thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the watches of the night;

Minister: for thou hast been my help, and in the shadow of thy wings I sing for joy.

People: My soul clings to thee; thy right hand upholds me.

JUDAS MACCABEUS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Here I Am, Lord"
Joe Luksa - Guitar

Daniel L. Schutte

SCRIPTURES

Luke 24:13-25

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SERMON**“Returning to Hope!”****HYMN 122***“Thine is the Glory”*
Hannah Gabirel – Lead Singer

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**Fugue *“Sur Les Jeux D’Anches”*

François Couperin

HYMNS**113 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!**

1. Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, Join to say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Chris, triumphant now. Alleluia!

108 Christ Is Alive!

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine, But saving

healing, here and now, And touching
every place and time.

3. Not throned a-far, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Saviour, in the God-head reigns.

4. In every insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope had died.

122 **Thine Is the Glory**

1. Thine Is the Glory Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.
2. Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
3. No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee: Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above:
*Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*