

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024

HE IS RISEN



welcome

lake harriet  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Walking Together the  
Words and Ways of Jesus

# Inclusive, Intergenerational, and In Community

Walking together the words and ways of Jesus. We welcome all God's children whatever their race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability. Following Christ's example, we open our hearts, minds, and doors to welcome all.

## No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you are young or old, you are welcome.

If you have brown skin, black skin, white skin, or any color of skin, you are welcome.

If you are married or single, you are welcome.

If you are gay, straight, transgender-whatever pronouns you use, you are welcome.

If you are sick or well, you are welcome.

If you are a perfect person, then you probably don't need a church, but if you are like us and are imperfect, mistake-making, still-trying, need all the encouragement I can get kind of person, then this is a community for you and you are welcome.

If you sing like a rock star or an opera singer, or you can not sing at all, you are welcome.

Whenever you arrived and however you came here, you are welcome.

If you believe in God some of the time or all of the time, or you're just beginning to explore who God is, you are welcome.

Come with your gifts, your pain, your hope, your fears.

Come with traditions that have helped you and hurt you.

Come with your experiences that have made you and broken you.

Come with a mind, ready to engage, and a heart, open to discern.

Come and listen for the Holy Spirit that calls you to love your neighbor wholeheartedly, seek justice, create peace and practice compassion.

## You are welcome here!

*Adapted from a welcome by Gordon Brown, published in Shaping Sanctuary*



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# welcome to worship!

*Please note the following, the congregation reads/sings/prays the words in bold-faceprint and the ↑ symbol invites you to rise in body and/or spirit.*

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

My Lord, What a Morning

(arr. John Behnke)  
Festival Bells

### ↑ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Yesterday we thought death had won.  
Yesterday we thought all was lost.  
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

**All: But not today.**

**Today we know that love has won.**

**Today we know that hope is real.**

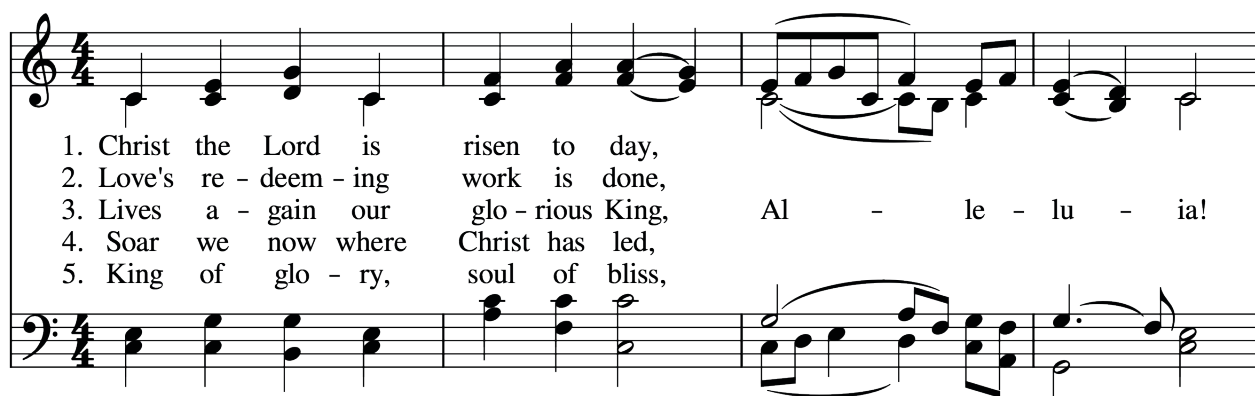
**Today we know that Christ is here.**

One: We have a reason to hope.

**All: We have a reason to sing!**

One: Alleluia!

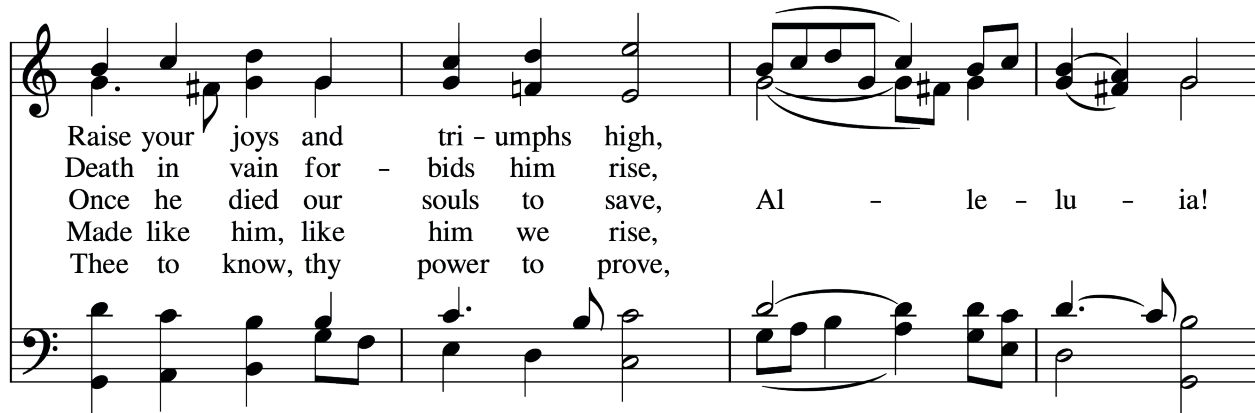
**All: Alleluia! Christ is risen today.**



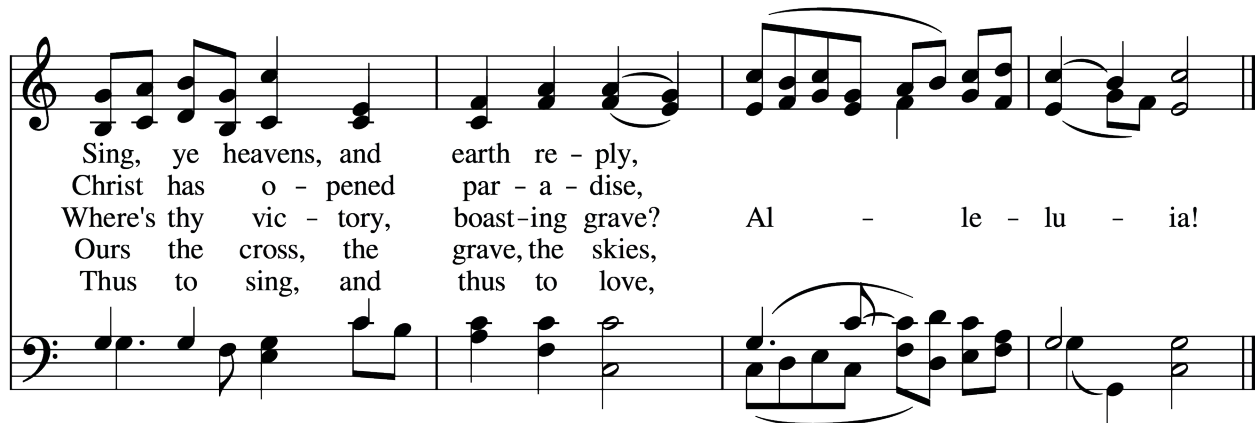
1. Christ the Lord is risen to day,  
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,  
 5. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss,



Earth and heaven in cho - rus say,  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,  
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this,



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise,  
 Thee to know, thy power to prove,



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply,  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise,  
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,  
 Thus to sing, and thus to love,

## RAINBOW CHAT

### SHARE A GREETING

#### MUSIC

Beautiful Day

(Jermaine Edwards)  
Cherub Choir

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The stone is rolled away!

**All: We assume it is a mistake.**

One: The angels say, "He is not here!"

**All: We assume their news is fake.**

One: The women tell the story,

**All: but we do not want to hear it.**

One: Peter runs to the tomb,

**All: but we do not understand.**

One: Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank.

**All: Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death.**

One: Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world.

**All: Teach us to see what you see.**

One: Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

**All: Amen.**

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: The angels tell the women, "*Remember* what Jesus told you."

So, church, remember this:

You are seen.

You are forgiven.

You are held in God's grace.

All of this is true.

Grace and mercy abound for you.

*Remember this.*

Amen!



*The Resurrection of Jesus*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

MESSAGE



“Wandering Heart: And I Hope”

Rev. Karen Bruins

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY



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OFFERTORY

Christ Is Risen! He Is Living!

(John Helgen)  
Easter Choir

↑ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low;  
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all the gifts!  
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## ↑ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We may weep through the longest nights.

We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.

We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.

But today, we are a people of hope.

We believe in new beginnings.

We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.

We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.

We believe that a tomb could not hold him.

We believe that the sun does rise.

We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed.

We believe that the story is not over yet,  
for God is among us.

Today, we are a people of hope!

## ↑ SONG

### Living Hope

verses 1, 2

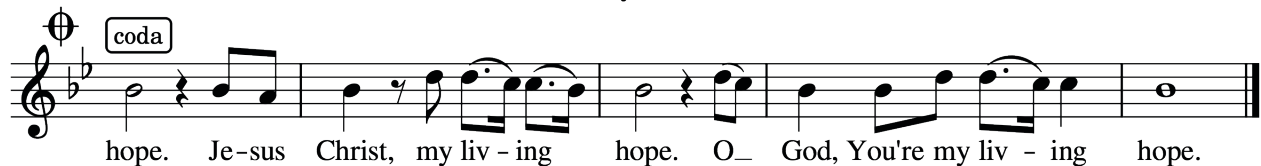
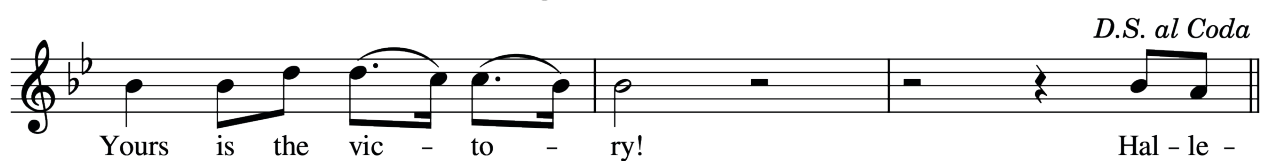
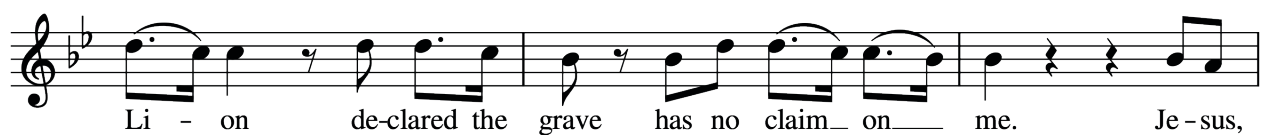
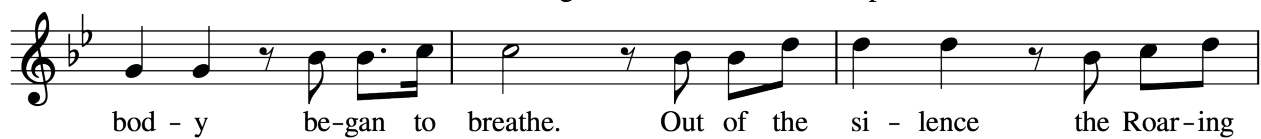
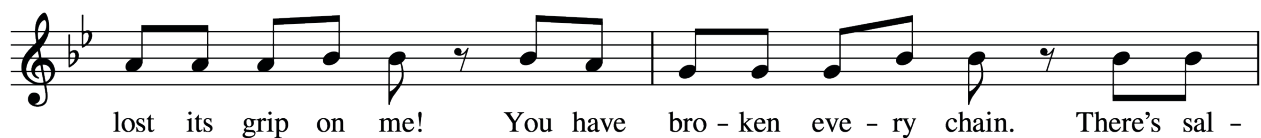
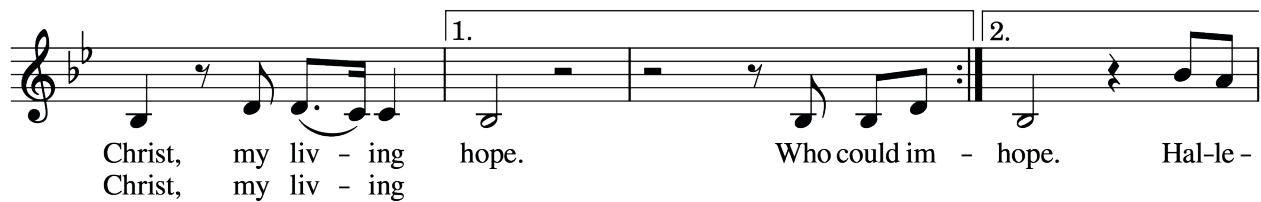
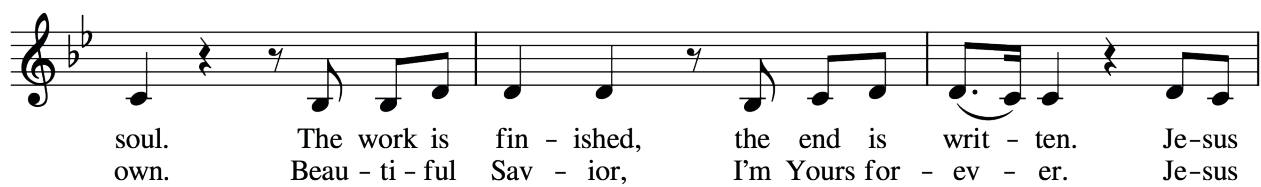
How great the cha - sm that lay be - tween us. How high the  
ag - ine so great a mer - cy? What heart could

moun-tain I could not climb. In des-per - a - tion I turned to  
fath - om such bound-less grace? The God of ag - es stepped down from

heav - en and spoke Your name in - to the night. Then through the  
glo - ry to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has

dark - ness Your lov-ing - kind - ness tore through the shad - ows of my  
spo - ken I am for - giv - en. The King of kings calls me His





## ↑ BLESSING

May all the joy and excitement of this day go with us.

May the power of Christ's resurrection go with us.

May the good news of this wondrous day go with us.

May the promise and hope of Easter go with us.

May we in the days ahead, sing, pray, live, love, act and serve all for the glory of God.

A joyous Easter.

Amen.

Go forth!

## ↑ HALLELUJAH CHORUS

### POSTLUDE

Toccata from *Symphony No. 5*

(Charles-Marie Widor)

# Worship Leaders

**Pastor:** Rev. Karen Bruins

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**Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries:** Ariel Johnson

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**Streaming:** Michael Perry

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**Scripture Reader:** Phyllis Dozier

**Greeters:** Jane Kammerman, Ken Larson, Jeanne Harkness

**Hospitality:** Elizabeth Melton

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# This Week at Lake Harriet

## SUNDAY MARCH 31

9:30am Easter, In-person and Online Worship  
11:00am Easter, In-person worship only

## TUESDAY APRIL 2

10:00am Knitting/Crafting Group - Commons  
7:00pm Men's Forum - Wesley Room

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 3

5:15pm No Dinner or Children/Youth Music programs - Spring break  
6:30pm Festival Bells Rehearsal - Bell Room  
6:30pm Shout Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

## THURSDAY APRIL 4

7:00pm UWF Book Club - Zoom

## SUNDAY APRIL 7

9:30am In-person and Online, All Ages Communion Worship  
10:45am Models of Christ ALSET Class - Fireside Room  
11:00am Worship at the Waters



## NEW WORSHIP SERIES - APRIL 7-JUNE 23

### New Life Breaks Out!

Following Easter, we center worship on how we shall live, seeking to sustain new life breaking forth. We consider how our faith in Christ risen changes us and shapes us as people of God, coming back to our place among all of Creation. How can we live in kinship community with the planet and all the species that call it home? The series offers an opportunity to explore how our way of life may be consistent with God's invitation to live abundantly among all of Creation. We look for opportunities to align our lives more fully with God's interconnected and interdependent relations, including humans and other diverse creatures. Eastertide invites us to keep experiencing the possibilities of new life!



Please RSVP online, to register please scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/2024-springretreat](https://bit.ly/2024-springretreat)

**APRIL 19-20**

## Spring Retreat

Please join us for our Spring Retreat on April 19 - 20. This year's retreat will once again be held at Mount Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. The theme is "Connecting in Hope." In these challenging times, it is easy to become overwhelmed. Come and get away for a time to relax, contemplate, enjoy nature, and connect with your church family.

Peter Watkins will be our retreat leader. He is a colleague of Susan Stabile, who has led the last two Spring Retreats. He comes highly recommended and has some wonderful activities planned for us.

This year we have an overnight option, but both days are standalone sessions, so if you can only make it Saturday, no problem! The Saturday session runs from 9am - 4pm.

Cost for overnight stay is \$100 per person for double occupancy and \$150 for single occupancy. All are private rooms. This includes Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. Saturday session is only \$25 and includes lunch. We are able to offer these reduced rates because of a generous grant from the Lily Foundation.

**Registration deadline is April 5th.** Hope to see you all there!



**APRIL 7 10:30AM**

## Town Hall Forum

Please join us for a Town Hall Forum where you will have an opportunity to hear details and ask questions about building renovations and programmatic updates for the new Lake Harriet Preschool (including infant and child care).

A lot is happening and we are excited to share our progress! Sunday, April 7, 10:30am in the Sanctuary, directly following worship.

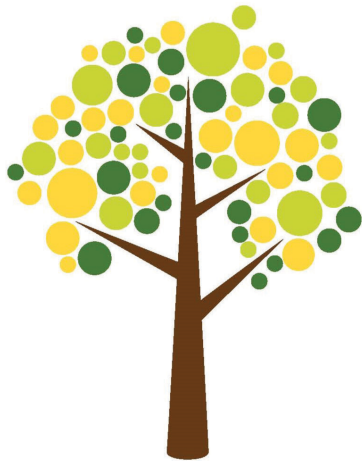


APRIL 24 7PM

## Youth FMSC Packing Event

Youth grades 6-12 are invited for a special service opportunity during youth night on Wednesday, April 24th at 7pm.

Contact Ariel Johnson at [ariel.johnson@lakeharrietumc.org](mailto:ariel.johnson@lakeharrietumc.org) to reserve a spot.



### CYF UPCOMING EVENTS

## My Changing Self Retreat

**Saturday, April 13th from 9am-3pm**

Grades 3 through 8 can join us for the My Changing Self retreat! This one day retreat will explore our sexuality and identity within our spirituality. There is a component for parents as well. Cost is \$20/student with a family cap of \$40.



To register, scan the QR code or visit [lakeharrietumc.org/children-youth-and-family-ministries](https://lakeharrietumc.org/children-youth-and-family-ministries)





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### LEADER REGISTRATION (6 gr+)

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## CYF UPCOMING EVENTS

# Vacation Bible Camp (VBC)

## CAMPER AND LEADER SIGN UPS

**June 24th through 28th**

It's that time of year again - time to sign up for this summer's Vacation Bible Camp - Camp Firelight! This year, we're partnering with Richfield UMC and Minnehaha UMC right here at Lake Harriet UMC! Cost is FREE for all campers from 9am-12:00pm.

There is optional child care from 12-4:30pm every day, with the added option of a before care drop off (8:15a). This camp is for those in Pre-K 3 (toilet trained) through 5th grade entering in Fall 2024.

Cost for after care is \$30/day or \$75/week. Before and after care are available for ALL AGES. Scholarships available.

VBC Leaders - 6th grade and up. There are many jobs we need help with! Group leaders, station leaders, greeters, snack help, and more!

## CYF UPCOMING EVENTS

# Theater Camp

**Rehearsals: August 12th through 16th, 9am-4:30pm**

**Performance: Sunday, August 18th 9:30am**

LHUMC's Theatre Camp is a week full of adventure and theater skills! Campers will learn acting skills, script writing skills, and technical theatre skills (such as set building, painting, and costume design). Campers and the director will work together to create a show based off a theme. This year's theme is "This Little Light!" After creating the script on Monday, Campers will have a brief audition on Tuesday morning, the director will assign parts, and then poof! The show process starts.

This camp is for those going into 3rd grade in Fall of 2024 through 8th grade in fall of 2024.

Cost is \$100 for the week. Scholarships available.



To register, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/theatercamp2024](http://bit.ly/theatercamp2024)



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