

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**                      *In the Garden*                      C.A. Miles  
   *Were You There?*                      Traditional

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is not like any other day.

**Today we take it all in.**

**Today we celebrate good news.**

This day is not like any other day.

**Today we are singing.**

**Today our joy is brimming over.**

This day is not like any other day.

**Today the stone is rolled away.**

**Today we know—death does not win.**

This day is not like any other day.

**Christ is risen!**

**He is risen indeed!**

#### \* HYMN 232    “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*Those with cut flowers are invited to bring them forward during the singing of the hymn and place them in the wire cross.*

#### \* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**O Lord Christ, you are the Resurrection and the Life.**

**We, on the other hand, are a mixed bag.**

**We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy,  
but often we overflow with comparison and doubt.**

**We want you to recreate us, and even to resurrect us,  
but often we’d rather stay the same than risk change.**

**We want the courage that the women had on Easter,  
to drop our spices and run and tell everyone,  
but often we are afraid and uncertain of our voices.**

**Forgive us for all the ways we choose to be unchanged.**

**Break into our hearts. Overflow here.**

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**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

\* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

## \* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 240    “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**    Luke 24:1-12, *p. 860 (NT)*

**ANTHEM**                      *O, That I Had a Thousand Voices*                      Jay Althouse

*Refrain:* O, that I had a thousand voices,  
And with a thousand tongues could tell  
Of Him in whom the world rejoices,  
Who all things wisely does and well.

O, that the people of all nations  
To God a thousand hymns could sing  
And drink the cup of God’s salvation  
In peace to ev’ry living thing.

God of the wind and waters,  
And of the stars and sky,  
Creator of the earth and heavens,  
Praise the Lord most high. *Refrain*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**    Revelation 1:9-20, *p. 995 (NT)*

**SERMON**    “Where Is He?”

#### \* HYMN 248    “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, who finds us.  
**God meets us on the island of our struggle and speaks.**

We trust in Jesus, who was betrayed, crucified, and raised.  
**He walks among us now, alive forever and ever,  
the one who holds the seven stars in his hand,  
who puts that same hand on our shoulders in love.**

We trust in the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to see  
what by ourselves we cannot see.

**The Holy Spirit gives us courage to say to all other powers,  
“Jesus is Lord!”**

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Offering*

*Offertory*                      *Shepherd of the Stars*                      Joseph M. Martin

Shepherd of the stars, Lord of earth and space.  
Wash me in Your light, shower me with grace.

Maker of the world, draw near.

Jesus, hold me in Your warm embrace.

Shepherd of my life, guard me in the dark.

Keep the night at bay, shelter me from harm.

Safely I will rest in hope,

Knowing You alone will bring the dawn.

And Lord if I should go astray

To follow my own foolish way,

Oh, find me, guide me gently

To Your fold to stay.

Shepherd of my heart, watching over me,

Help me follow You wherever You may lead.

Blaze the way with love and light.

You’re the shepherd of the stars,

Be the shepherd of my heart tonight.

*Doxology*    (Hymnal, back page)

*Prayer of Dedication*

## THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Invitation to the Lord’s Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O God, we thank you...

Let us pray for God’s rule on earth as Jesus taught us, saying:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your  
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as**

**we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*The Words of Institution*

*The Feast*

*All the bread we serve is gluten-free, and our juice is non-fermented.*

*Prayer After Communion*

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

\* **HYMN 363** "Rejoice the Lord Is King!"

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Hymn 240, refrain only "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to his name.**

**POSTLUDE** *Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow* Traditional

### END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



**We light two candles in worship.** The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ's spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

**Today's liturgist:** Nancy Spann

**Today's greeters:** Herschel and Linda Lewis

**Today's ushers:** Herschel and Linda Lewis

**Today we welcome** Patrick O'Neil playing the cello and Shannon Overman as our soloist.

### Canton Mission Trip Info

PWNC is sponsoring a Disaster Recovery Trip the week of May 1-7 to the Canton area that was devastated by flood waters in August. No experience or background needed, volunteer for a day or for the week. Interested? Call Susan Maveety (828) 768-5475. Deadline is April 22.

### Spring Clean-Up

Spring clean-up will be Saturday, April 23 at 9:30 AM and will be finished by lunch time. Come help us spruce up our building and grounds! Questions? Contact Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com or by phone (704) 219-1893.

**Next Sunday we welcome Rev. Deck Guess** as our guest preacher.

A retired PC(USA) pastor, Deck has served churches in Mississippi, Florida, and both Carolinas—most recently as the Interim Pastor at Banner Elk Presbyterian Church. He now lives in Arden with his wife Deb and has worshiped with us several times. He and Deb have four children and one grandchild. He enjoys hiking, playing tennis and pickleball (anyone interested?), working with fused and stained glass, writing, and doting on his grandchild.

### Lake Julian Picnic on April 24

Join us after church on Sunday, April 24, at 1:00 PM for a spring picnic at Lake Julian. We will provide rotisserie chicken and beverages and ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. Sign up in the Narthex or call Erin in the office to let her know what you will be bringing.

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, April 24 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, April 20.

**Vax up or mask up:** masking is now optional for those who are vaccinated.

**Please stay away from church if** you are sick, have any symptoms of illness, or have a known exposure to someone with COVID.

**Liturgy** adapted from Words for Worship | Rev. Sarah Speed

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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

11 o'clock



"Where Is He?"



Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one.

I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever,

and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

(Revelation 1:17-18)