

# SUGAR CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, April 5, 2026 ☞ Easter/Resurrection Day ☞ 10:30 AM

❖ Those who are able, please stand.

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Please hold flowers for the cross until the first hymn.*

#### INTROIT

*Requiem*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Craig Hella Johnson

#### PRELUDE

*Beyond the River*

M.P. Walton

#### WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Amy Duiker

#### ❖ HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*  
*Flowers may be brought forward to adorn the cross during the hymn.*

GtoG #245

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Marge Morgan, liturgist

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God who so loved the world, we confess that we do not always live into your message of hope and salvation, your promise of eternal life. We live in ways that keep us captive to fear and the world's death-dealing ways. We live in ways that put ourselves and our own success first over the needs of others and the long-term needs of the world. Forgive us for our selfish ways and call us into the path of Christ, who humbled himself and gave himself up for us on the cross, so that death's power might be no more and all can share in the joy of life, abundant and eternal, through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

*A time for self-examination and silent prayer.*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Because he lives, we shall live also.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed for new life. Alleluia!**

#### ❖ GLORY TO GOD

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

GtoG #232 v2

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!*

*Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

❖ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Liturgist: The peace of the risen Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Joyful, Joyful*  
Chancel Choir

Jake Runestad

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:1-18

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Plugged In to Resurrection Life

Rev. Amy Duiker

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

❖ **HYMN**

*Thine Is the Glory*

GtoG #238

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Response: Living God, hear our 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**DEDICATING OURSELVES TO THE WAY OF JESUS**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY** *Offertory on "Bunessan"*

Eugene Broughton

❖ **DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

GtoG #240 v2

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

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.*

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

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD IN THE WORLD**

❖ **HYMN**

*Lift High the Cross*

GtoG #826

❖ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Risen Today*

Franklin Ritter

*Thanks to our Brass Quartet who helped us celebrate today:  
Cameron Pemberton & Gabe Davis, trombone  
Caleb Gallagher & Hendrix Likerman, trumpet*

*The Prayer of Confession was adapted from Rev Mindi on the Rev-o-lution blog.*

*If you ordered a potted flower to decorate our sanctuary today, please take it with you.  
If you need help remembering what you ordered, a member of our Worship Commission will be at  
the front of the sanctuary after worship to help.*

*Tomorrow, the church office is closed and staff are off so that they may rest from their labors  
and celebrate with their families.*

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***Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—5:00 pm***



## ***GIFT (Generations Inspiring Faith Together)***

Come join this vibrant intergenerational ministry on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 – 7:45 PM.

We will explore the New Testament from A to Z using selected sections of *A is for Alabaster: 52 Reflections on the Stories of Scripture* by Anna Carter Florence.

**Our next GIFT Fellowship will be on April 8th.**

It is a fun-filled time of fellowship, faith formation, and food! ALL are welcome!



Join us after worship on Sunday, April 19th.

We're delighted to welcome back Tony Peters—whose long connection with our church makes his visits especially meaningful—for a lively time of musical entertainment right after worship.

Light refreshments will be served as we enjoy music and time together.

### **What are you looking for?**

Here at Sugar Creek, we hope you'll find a place where you can grow, connect, and feel at home. Whether you're looking for prayer groups, Bible studies, or fellowship opportunities for all ages, there's a space for you here. We offer meaningful ways to serve through our mission partnerships with St. Vincent de Paul and Habitat for Humanity, as well as engaging events for youth and thoughtful, inclusive worship each week. And for families with little ones, nursery care is always available. Wherever you are on your journey, you're warmly invited to be part of our community.



# 245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"  
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,  
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

# 238 Thine Is the Glory

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

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment  
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness  
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

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

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing  
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal piece. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a half rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff.

## Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain  
Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*to Refrain*

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.