

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 31, 2024 Order of Service for the Worship of God EASTER SUNDAY

And I Hope

Gathering Music

Prelude The Trumpet Shall Sound George Frideric Handel John Wells

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Anthem Peter, Go Ring-a Them Bells Rollo Dilworth

Call to Worship Diane J, Liturgist (responsive)

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

But not today.

Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real. Today we know that Christ is here.

We have a reason to hope. We have a reason to sing!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ is risen today.

Opening Song #233, Christ the Lord is Risen Today (All music at end)

Time with Children

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

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.

Sermon

Song #238, Now the Green Blade Rises

Testimony 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.

Time, Talent and Treasure

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Musical Offering What Wondrous Love is This Samuel Barber John Wells

Doxology (Alleluia version) Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song 433 In the Bulb There Is a Flower Natalie Sleeth

Benediction

Sending Music Ode to Joy Ludwig van Beethoven John Wells

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

Now the Green Blade Rises

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John M. C. Crum, an English priest who was canon of Canterbury for fifteen years, wrote these words for this ancient French Christmas carol tune when it was included in the Oxford Book of Carols (1928).

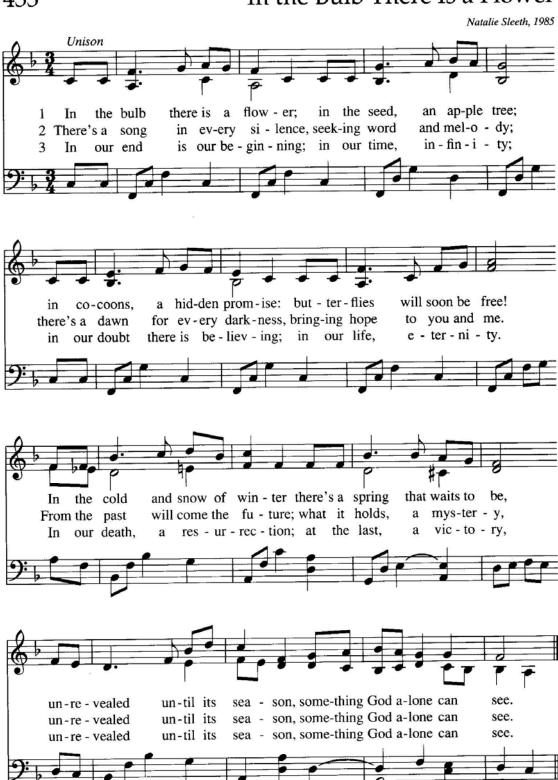
Tune: NOËL NOUVELET 11.10.10.11.

French noel, 15th century

Harm. Martin F. Shaw, 1928

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In the Bulb There Is a Flower



Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it. Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D. Natalie Sleeth, 1985