

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 8, 2007

11:00 AM

*A nursery is available during the service. An usher will be happy to assist you.*

*Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available upon request from an usher.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

arr. Mansfield

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

G.R. Handel

*The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

arr. J.W. Kerr

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MOMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP

*The Holy City*

Weatherly/Adams

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Paxton, Liturgist

Liturgist: The Lord is our strength and our song and has become our salvation.

**People: Exultation and victory resound among God's people.**

Liturgist: The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

**People: We shall not die, but live, and declare God's mighty deeds.**

Liturgist: Let us pray.

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### \*HYMN No. 123

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN *(In Unison)*

God of power and might, we stand before the empty tomb with awe, pondering a love that is stronger even than death. Can that love save us? Can it forgive our sins and heal our hearts? Can it really be so? It's a day of new beginnings, so we pray that, by your Spirit, we might also be reborn. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is raised from the dead, has defeated sin, and is our only hope.

*(Let each worshipper pray silently.)*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 579)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25 *(Pew Bible, OT Section, page 657)*

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jonathan Fettig

*(Children will be dismissed to Children's Church in Fellowship Hall)*

## ANTHEM

*Jesus, Our Lord, Is Risen!*

Besig/Price

### SECOND LESSON: Acts 10:34-43 *(Pew Bible, NT Section, page 119)*

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### \*HYMN No. 108

*Christ is Alive!*

### SERMON LESSON: John 20:1-18 *(Pew Bible, NT Section page 106)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

**Unexpected**

Jonathan Fettig

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *(In Unison)*

Apostles' Creed *(traditional)*

*The Presbyterian Hymnal p. 14*

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

*We Shall Behold Him*

Arr. M. Hayes

### \*PRESENTATION, The Doxology *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*HYMN No. 122

*Thine Is the Glory*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*The Hallelujah Chorus*

G.F. Handel

\*Those who are able, please stand

## MUSICAL NOTES

**The Anthem, *Jesus, Our Lord, Is Risen***, was written in 2006 by Don Besig and Nancy Price, the 'dynamic duo' of choral music. As a third grader, Nancy was cast in a school production of "The Sound of Music" which Don was directing at Hornell (NY) High School. Throughout her school years, Nancy continued to sing in various ensembles and plays under Don's direction, but it wasn't until she was a senior music education major at Ithaca College that she asked if he might be willing to compose a melody for a lyric she had written. That first piece was successfully published and became the start of a collaboration that now includes over three hundred compositions for school and church choirs.

The text of this anthem blends the new and old to create a triumphant proclamation of the resurrection of our Lord. The 'new' portion is from the collaborative efforts of this incredible team, and the 'old' portion is

a setting of the tune ST. KEVIN written by Arthur S. Sullivan (1842-1900) and the ancient words by John of Damascus (8<sup>th</sup> century), which combine to form the familiar *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*.

Come now and greet this glorious morning. Sing out with gladness; sing out with praise.  
Hope is restored. Jesus, our Lord, is risen, risen, risen today!

Come now and join in great jubilation. Tell of the victory; earth is reborn.  
Joyfully sing out that Jesus, our King, is risen, risen, risen today!

Alleluia, sing alleluia, Let your music fill the air. Alleluia, alleluia, joy is everywhere!  
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness.  
God has brought His people forth into joy from sadness.  
On this resurrection day, Christ has burst His prison;  
Bound no more by chains of death, from the grave arisen.  
Come now and share the wonder and glory. Sing alleluias; lift up your praise.  
Life is restored. Jesus our Lord, is risen, risen. Jesus is risen on this Easter Day!

**The Offertory, *We Shall Behold Him***, is a 1980 arrangement for piano by the incomparable Mark Hayes, of the great gospel song by Dottie Rambo. This stirring piece which opens with such a quiet and gentle feel truly follows the events of that first Easter morn as it builds with the text to the final majestic strains when we shall behold the Lord.

The sky shall unfold, preparing His entrance;  
The stars shall applaud Him with thunders of praise.  
The sweet light in His eyes shall enhance those awaiting,  
And we shall behold Him then face to face.

Refrain: And we shall behold Him, we shall behold Him  
Face to face in all of His glory;  
And we shall behold Him, Yes, we shall behold Him  
Face to face, our Saviour and Lord.

The angels shall sound the shout of His coming,  
The sleeping shall rise from their slumbering place.  
And those who remain shall be changed in a moment,  
And we shall behold Him then face to face. (Refrain)