

**PRELUDE, GATHERING,  
CALL TO WORSHIP**

*from Hymnal #307*

*Lyrics by Brian Wren*

*Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!*

Celebrate this day of days!

*Jesus is our strong companion.*

Joy and peace shall never end.

*God the First and Last is with us.*

Sing Hosanna everyone!

**HYMN**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** - *space for notes on insert*

**PRAYER**

*FotW*

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God,  
through the work of your Holy Spirit,  
that in the hearing of your Word  
we may receive new life. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 25:6-9

**GOSPEL**

Mark 16:1-8

**EPISTLE 1**

Acts 10:34-43

**EPISTLE 2**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**RESPONSE**

*Psalm 118:22-24*

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.*

This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

*This is the day that the Lord has made;*

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*In Christ Alone*

*Ann & Asha*

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

*(Unison prayer)*

*Written by Nancy C. Townley, posted on the Ministry Matters website at  
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2507/worship-connection-easter-2021>.*

Gracious and Patient God, we come before you  
with so many things which weigh us down.  
We would like an "easy" faith,  
one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves,  
to identify those many ways  
in which we have forsaken you.

But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls.  
Forgive us, God, for all those things  
which we have neglected to do  
that would have helped someone else  
to be closer to you.

Heal our hearts from the wounds  
which have been inflicted upon us  
by the anger and misunderstandings  
which occur in relationships.

Prepare our lives to be of service to you.  
In silence, we wait.  
We long for your presence and your healing touch. AMEN.  
{silent prayers}

*God is merciful.*

God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
*Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives,*  
It is the gift of God through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**CHOIR**

*Because He Lives*

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - *extra space for notes on insert*

**SPECIAL MUSIC  
INTERCESSIONS**

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

*Julie*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,  
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER**

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God of the victory of life over death;  
on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice  
in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Just as the women encountered the empty tomb  
and the angelic message of new life,  
we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives.  
As we come to present our tithes and offerings,  
may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ,  
the one who challenges us to see  
beyond our own expectations.  
Bless our giving and help us discover  
the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives.  
In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

**HYMN** *Up from the Grave He Arose* **322**

**PRAYER & SENDING**

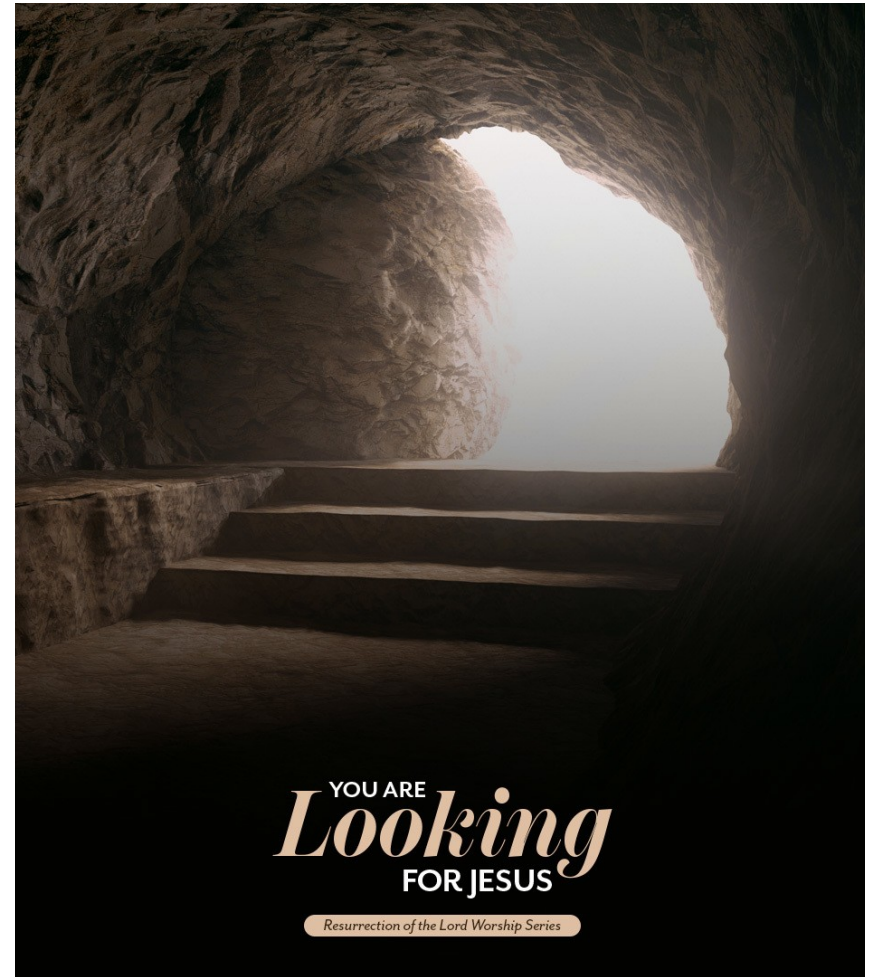
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*Celebrate this day of days!  
Rejoice in God, your Savior!  
Know the new life gifted through Jesus Christ!  
Shout your Alleluia's for all to hear!  
May the grace, hope, peace and love of God  
our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer  
be with us all, now and forever. Amen.*

Amen

**POSTLUDE**

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