

Christ Is Risen!

Easter Sunday
10:45 a.m. April 9, 2023



Worship Leadership

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WELCOME

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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P: This is the day that the Lord has made. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SONGS

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high
Oh God, You have done great things

Great Things

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"
You will do great things
God, You do great things (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
You've done great things (*Chorus*)

His Love Endures Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever, forever
(Repeat)

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God, we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

SONG

House of the Lord

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
He hung upon that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away *(chorus)*

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise *(chorus)*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and in-

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deed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

Raise a Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me

**I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!**

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me *(Chorus)*

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder heaven comes to fight for me *(Chorus)*

I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah
I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah

PRAYERS

Please sing the following refrain after each petition.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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OFFERING

God is able, He will never fail
He is almighty God
Greater than all we seek
Greater than all we ask
He has done great things

**Lifted up, He defeated the grave
Raised to life, our God is able
In His name, we overcome
For the Lord, our God is faithful**

God Is Able

God is with us
God is on our side
He will make a way
Far above all we know
Far above all we hope
He has done great things
(Chorus)

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed

LORD'S 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All those believing in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection are welcome to receive communion at this table of grace. We offer both bread and wine for holy communion. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.

SONG

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Living Hope

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope *(Repeat)***

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
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Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa *(Chorus)*

SONG

My Jesus

Praise Band

SONGS

We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, we believe

**We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again
We believe**

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe (*Chorus*)

One Thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains, one thing remains

**Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me (3x)
Your love ...**

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains (*Chorus*)

In death, in life, I'm confident and
Covered by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid,
there's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love (*Chorus*)

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign	Build Your kingdom here
In our hearts again	Let the darkness fear
Increase in us we pray	Show Your mighty hand
Unveil why we're made	Heal our streets and land
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope	Set Your church on fire
Like wildfire in our very souls	Win this nation back
Holy Spirit come invade us now	Change the atmosphere
We are Your church	Build Your kingdom here we pray
We need Your power in us	

SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.



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Thank you to the following individuals and families for their donations to help beautify our sanctuary. Please feel free to take your lilies home after worship.

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How can we share the life of Ascension with you?

- Newsletter: e-mail or U.S. Mail
- BLAST (ages 3-5th gr.)
- JOLT (confirmation, 6-8th gr.)
- CRASH (high school)
- Bible study (small groups)
- Choirs or other music ministries
- Serving others (local/global options)
- Starting Point class (membership)

Please place in the offering plate.



Children Are God's Gift: We are a noisy church. We are happy to celebrate the sounds of children during worship. You are welcome to step into the lobby with your child for a break.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend.

Church Office Closed: The church office will be closed Monday, April 10.

Ready to Baptize? Talk to Pastor Chris or Pastor Tony today. We are always ready to welcome another member into the family of God.

Outlaw Christian by Jacqueline Bussie: A new book study begins on Monday, April 17, at both 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. We will meet for 5 weeks. Drawing from Scripture and real life experience, *Outlaw Christian* is Bussie's rallying cry to believers who care too much to let suffering go unquestioned and doubts unanswered. If you too are longing for an authentic faith that is bold, outspoken and active in a world of pain, join Pastor Chris and others on Monday nights. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Chris, pc@ascensionelca.org.

First Communion Stepping Stone: We are excited to begin the journey with 4th grade students and parents through the three-part First Communion Stepping Stone that will take place in West Hall between services on April 16, 23, and 30.

Auction Items Needed: The spaghetti supper benefitting our partnerships in Tanzania and El Salvador is back! Do you have connections or special skills that would make a great auction item? With partnership trips coming up in June, we need your help for our May 20 event. If you are able to help, complete this form, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCAuction2023>, or contact Sarah Aparicio, sarah@ascensionelca.org.