

April 26, 2020  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

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Organ and Piano Prelude

Paul Mosteller  
and Cathy Spence

*Thine Is the Glory*  
by George Frideric Handel  
arr. Don Phillips

Call to Worship

Sara and Joel Burks

*Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?*  
by Martin Smith  
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Did you feel the mountains tremble? Did you hear the oceans roar when the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ, the risen One? Did you feel the people tremble? Did you hear the singers roar when the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ, the saving One?

And we can see that God, You're moving a mighty river through the nations. And young and old will turn to Jesus. Fling wide you heavenly gates. Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

**REFRAIN: Open up the doors and let the music play. Let the streets resound with singing songs that bring Your hope, songs that bring Your joy, and dancers who dance upon injustice.**

Do you feel the darkness tremble when all the saints join in one song, and all the streams flow as one river to wash away our brokenness? And here we see that God, You're moving. A time of jubilee is coming when young and old return to Jesus. Fling wide you heavenly gates. Prepare the way of the risen Lord. **REFRAIN**

Opening Sentences of Worship

Tim Sanderlin

Hymn of the Resurrection

*The Day of Resurrection!*  
LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness; the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain, His own, "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth her song begin! The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

Invocation Prayer and Welcome to Online Worshipers Mary Splawn

Children's Message Sharon Howard

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Doug Dortch

Offertory Acknowledgement of a Time for Online Giving Tim Sanderlin

The Reading of God's Word Mary Splawn

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Message in Song Sara and Joel Burks

*Living Hope*

by Brian Johnson and Phil Wickman

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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.

**REFRAIN: 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.**

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!"

**REFRAIN**

Affirmation of Our Faith Tim Sanderlin

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin

Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whom He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection, and everlasting life. Amen.

Message

Doug Dortch

**“Living as Strangers in Reverent Fear”**

1 Peter 1:17-23

Closing Words to Online Worshipers

Doug Dortch

Closing Song

Ensemble

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

by William G. Tomer

God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you. With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again! Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet. Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again!

Organ Postlude

Paul Mosteller

*Alleluia!*

by Théodore Dubois

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