

Easter Day  
Worship Leader Bulletin

April 9, 2023

10:45 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

*Sinfonia from "Ihr lieben Christen, Freut euch nun"*  
Brass Ensemble and Organ

*Dietrich Buxtehude/  
Arr. Scott Hyslop*

EASTER GREETING (*Rob*)

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Rob*)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

Mark Bergherr, Council President

+GATHERING SONG

"Sweet Presence of Jesus"

*Tommy Walker/Kevin Eng*

**Verse**

It's the sweet sweet  
Sweet presence of Jesus  
How it moves my soul  
How it makes me whole  
It's the sweet sweet  
Sweet presence of Jesus  
How it sets me free  
Brings me liberty

**Bridge**

Shout for joy  
All you children of the Lord  
The Almighty is here  
Removing doubt and fear  
Shout for joy  
Let the hurting hear and rejoice  
The Almighty is here  
He is moving everywhere.

**Chorus**

Takes me to a higher place  
Where there's amazing grace  
Takes me to a higher place  
Where I can see His face

**Verse**

**Chorus (two times)**

**Bridge**

**Verse**

**Verse**

**Chorus**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Front Center*) (*David Skinner*)

L: Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the fruitfulness of the land and the seas; and may prosper all who labor therein, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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WORD

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Emily*)

FIRST READING (*Tim Krieg*)

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters

shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:  
“Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL READING *{Pulpit}* (Rob)

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 indeed 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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+SONG OF THE DAY

“Free For All”

*Israel Houghton & Mark Townsend/  
David Shipps*

**Verse 1**

Rivers rich in mercy beckon  
Ev'ryone who thirsts is welcome  
All who hunger freely come  
Bread of Life for ev'ryone

**Pre-chorus**

**Chorus**

**Pre-chorus**

**Chorus**

**Pre-chorus**

(It's) free for all free for all  
Over ev'ry limitation free for all

**Bridge**

Holy Spirit rise within us  
Bring Your freedom free for all  
Holy Spirit rise within us  
Bring Your freedom free for all  
Free for all

**Chorus**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is  
There is freedom free for all  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is  
There is freedom free for all  
Free for all

**Ending**

Whom the Son sets free is free indeed!  
Whom the Son sets free is free indeed!  
Whom the Son sets free is free indeed!  
Whom the Son sets free is free indeed!

**Verse 2**

We're proclaiming freedom to the nations  
Stand and see your full salvation  
Rivers in the desert clouds are forming  
Celebrate this free outpouring

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

*After each petition:*

L: Risen Lord,

**C: hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (David Skinner)*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most of all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

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**MEAL**

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+LITANY *{Front Center} (Rob)*

*Screen*

L: Loving God, as we encounter the pain of the cross and the earth-shattering power of the resurrection, help us to confess.

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: When we cannot see Jesus in the brokenness of our world, remind us:

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: When we feel discouraged and confused, and our expectations are shattered, remind us:

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: When all hope is lost, and we see death, remind us:

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: When we grieve with broken hearts, remind us:

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: When we hear Jesus call us by name, remind us:

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: Jesus is alive and remains with us always.

**C: Amen. Alleluia!**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Rob)*

+THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come: your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE/COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website [stlukesbloomington.org](http://stlukesbloomington.org) and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“All Who Are Thirsty”

*Brenton Brown & Glenn Robertson*

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(Rob)*

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *{Front Center} (David Skinner)*

L: Loving God, you have fed our spirits with your word of hope and your food of life. Empower us to go forth strengthened and renewed, to serve the world you love.

**C: Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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+BENEDICTION *(Rob)*

L: Now may the God of peace -- who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will, through the power of Jesus Christ. All glory to him forever and ever!

**C: Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

*Matt Maher/Joel Mott*

**Verse 1**

I believe in the Son  
I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome  
By the power of His blood

**Chorus 1**

Amen amen  
I'm alive I'm alive  
because He lives

Amen amen  
Let my song join the one  
that never ends  
Because He lives

**Verse 2**

I was dead in the grave  
I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name  
He rolled the stone away

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

“The Heavens Are Telling”  
*Brass Ensemble and Organ*

*Ludwig Van Beethoven/  
S. Drummond Wolff*

*Shannon Pierce, Trumpet  
Jim Koslowski, Trumpet  
Sean Smith, Trombone  
Darrell Thorstenson, Trombone*

**Chorus 2**

Amen amen  
I'm alive I'm alive  
because He lives

Amen amen  
Let my song join the one  
that never ends

**Bridge**

Because He lives  
I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives  
ev'ry fear is gone

I know He holds my life  
My future in His hands

**Chorus 2**

**Chorus 1**

**Ending**

Because He lives