MEMORIAL
Presbyterian Church

Florida's first Presbyterians, since 1824

Embodying Jesus' All-Encompassing Hospitality

March 31, 2024 11:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Childrens' bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship. Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment.

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.

PRELUDE "Psalm XIX (The Heavens are Telling)" Benedetto Marcello

CHORAL PRELUDE "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Healey William

GREETING *(responsive)*
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!

*HYMN NO. 232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today EASTER HYMN
(words and music on the next two pages)

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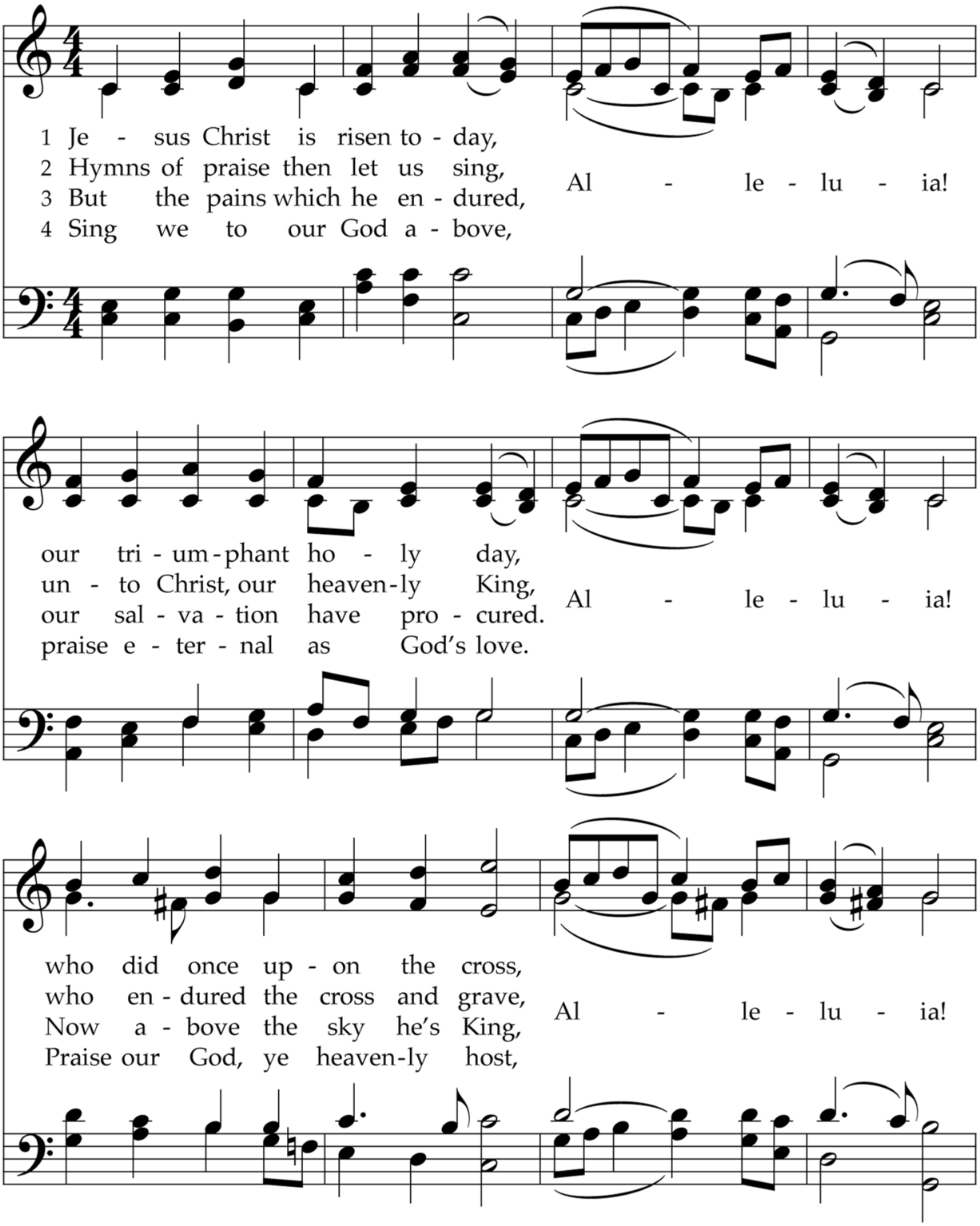

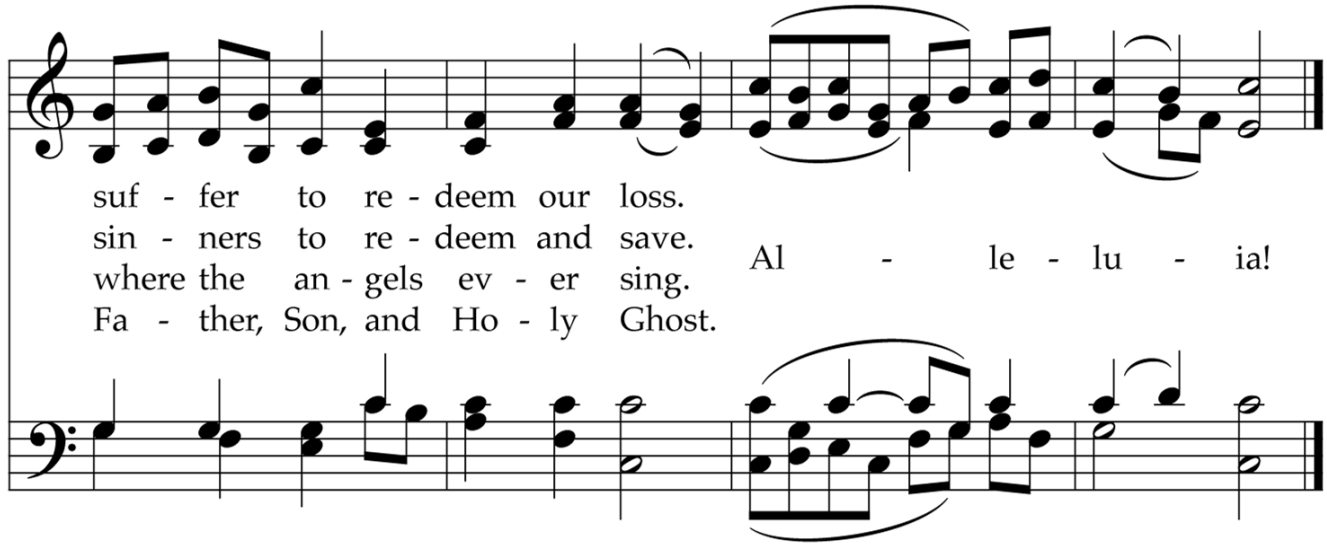

*LITANY FOR EASTER *(responsive)*

O God, early in the morning, You gave birth to the splendor of the universe.

Holy are You, O God.

Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a new born child crying in a cradle announced that You had come among us.

Holy are You, O Christ.

Early in the morning, surrounded by self-interested religious leaders, anxious statesmen and silent friends, You accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: You shouldered and suffered the cross.

Holy are You, O Spirit.

Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that You had risen, that You had come back to those and for those who denied and destroyed You.

Holy Trinity, bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard-hearted, forgiveness where we have wounded, and the joy and freedom of Your love where we have become prisoners of ourselves.

A brief silence is kept

Thanks be to God for new life!

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The children of the church gather at the baptismal font

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9 O.T. pg. 612
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:1-18 N.T. pg. 100
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON "The Unbound Jesus" Dr. Camp

Silent meditation on sermon

*HYMN NO. 233 "The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE
(words & music on next page)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(unison)* The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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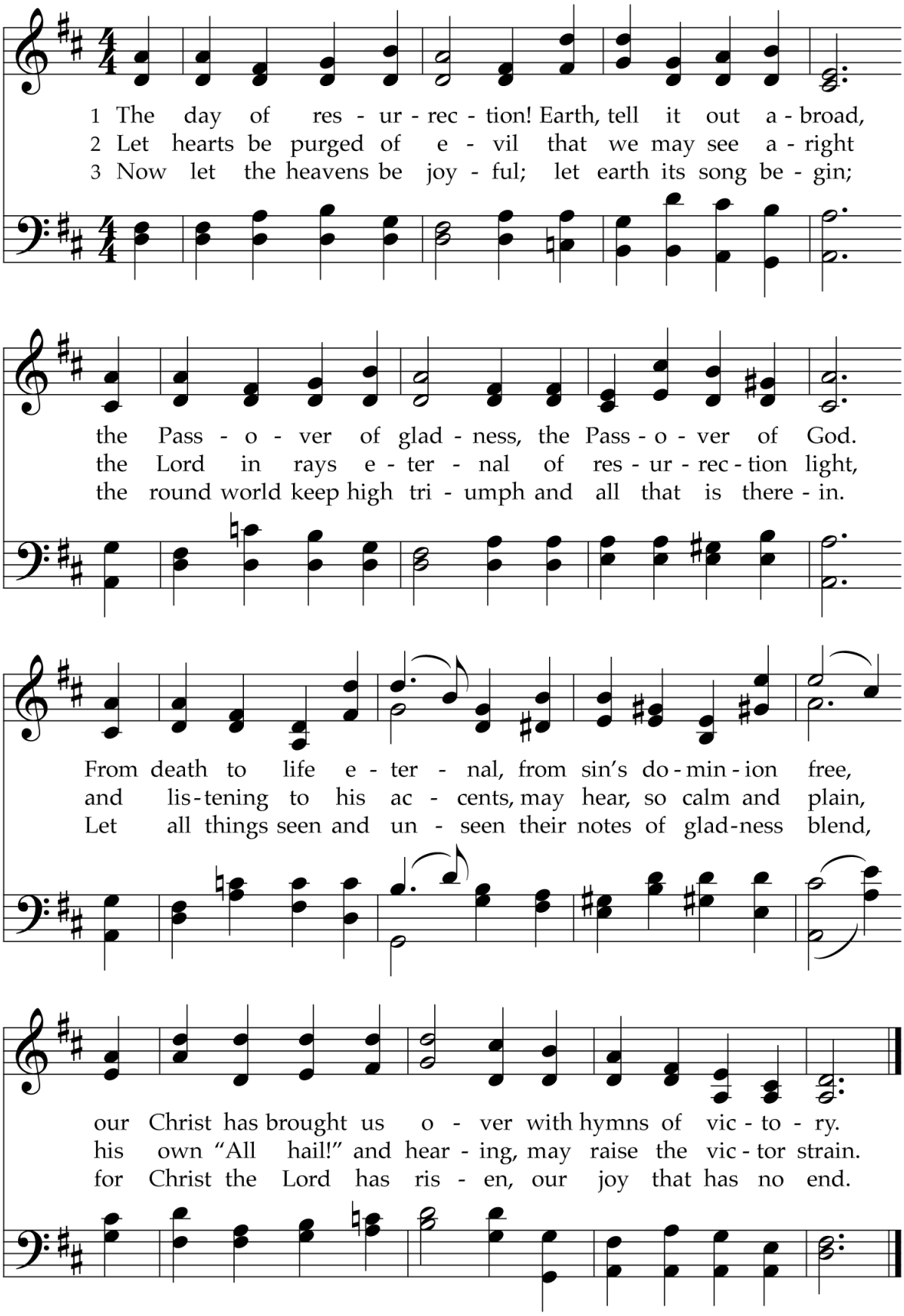

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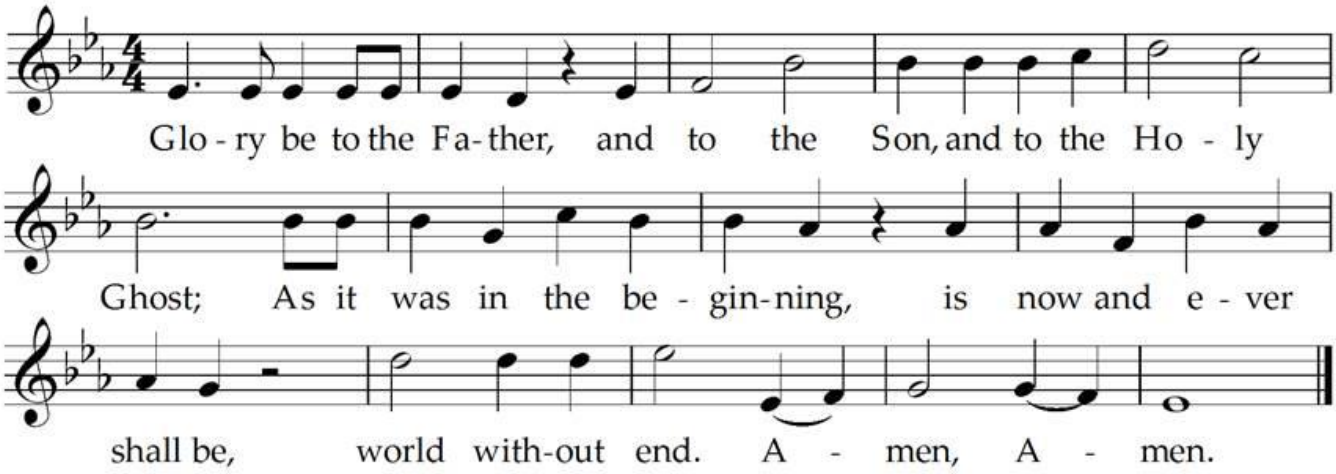

*THE PEACE *(responsive)*
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(responsive)*
In the power of the resurrection, let us pray for the world, for our neighbors and for the Church, saying: "Lord, have mercy."

For the earth, so lovingly created and so compassionately redeemed, that in unmarred beauty it may speak of the majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy and live together in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the holy Church, that in all its diversity we may witness to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all in high places of authority, for whom Christ also was put to death and was raised, that they might be led to govern with equity and justice, seeking peace and wholeness of life for all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have been baptized and have entered upon the newness of life that is ours in Christ, that with the whole Church, we may live the gospel in our daily lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in His gracious presence, that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who sorrow and mourn and those facing the reality of death, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light and hope eternal, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all gathered in this place today that we, like Mary and Peter and John, may see the empty tomb, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

God of all generations, we praise You for all Your servants who, having been faithful to You on earth, now live with You in heaven. Keep us in fellowship with them, until we meet with all Your children in the joy of Your eternal realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Please use this time to reflect on how we might offer ourselves, and our resources, to God.

Four ways to give: Drop a check in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky" Horatio Parker

(Ian Denby, Baritone Solo)

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky; Heaven thunders forth its victor cry;
The glad earth shouts her triumph high, And groaning hell makes wild reply
While He, the king, the mighty king, Despoiling death of all its sting
And trampling down the powers of might, Brings forth His ransomed saints to light

That Eastertide with joy was bright, The sun shone out with fairer light
When to their longing eyes restored, The apostles saw their risen Lord:
He bade them see His hands, His side, Where yet the glorious wounds abide;
These tokens true which made it plain, Their Lord indeed was risen again

O Jesu, king of gentleness, Do Thou Thyself our hearts possess
That we may give Thee all our days, The tribute of our grateful praise

O Lord of all with us abide, In this our joyful Eastertide
From every weapon death can wield, Thine own redeemed forever shield

The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won
The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia,
All praise be Thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored;
All praise to God, the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally
Alleluia. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

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.
(some substitute "God" for "Him")

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
O God, we give You thanks for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise You for His presence with us. Because He lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from Your great love.
Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 245 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" LLANFAIR
(words & music on next page)

*CHORAL RESPONSE "Hallelujah!" from *Messiah* G.F. HANDEL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE
"Toccata" from Symphonie V Pour Grande Orgue Charles-Marie Widor

**Please stand as you are able*

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT
Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

VISION STATEMENT
Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff: Greeting, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach: Litany for Easter, Gospel Lesson, Affirmation of Faith, The Peace, Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer, Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matt Daniel: Director of Music and Organist

Children's Moment: Anne Reid Broos, Director of Children's and Young Family Ministries

Lector: Carol Saunders

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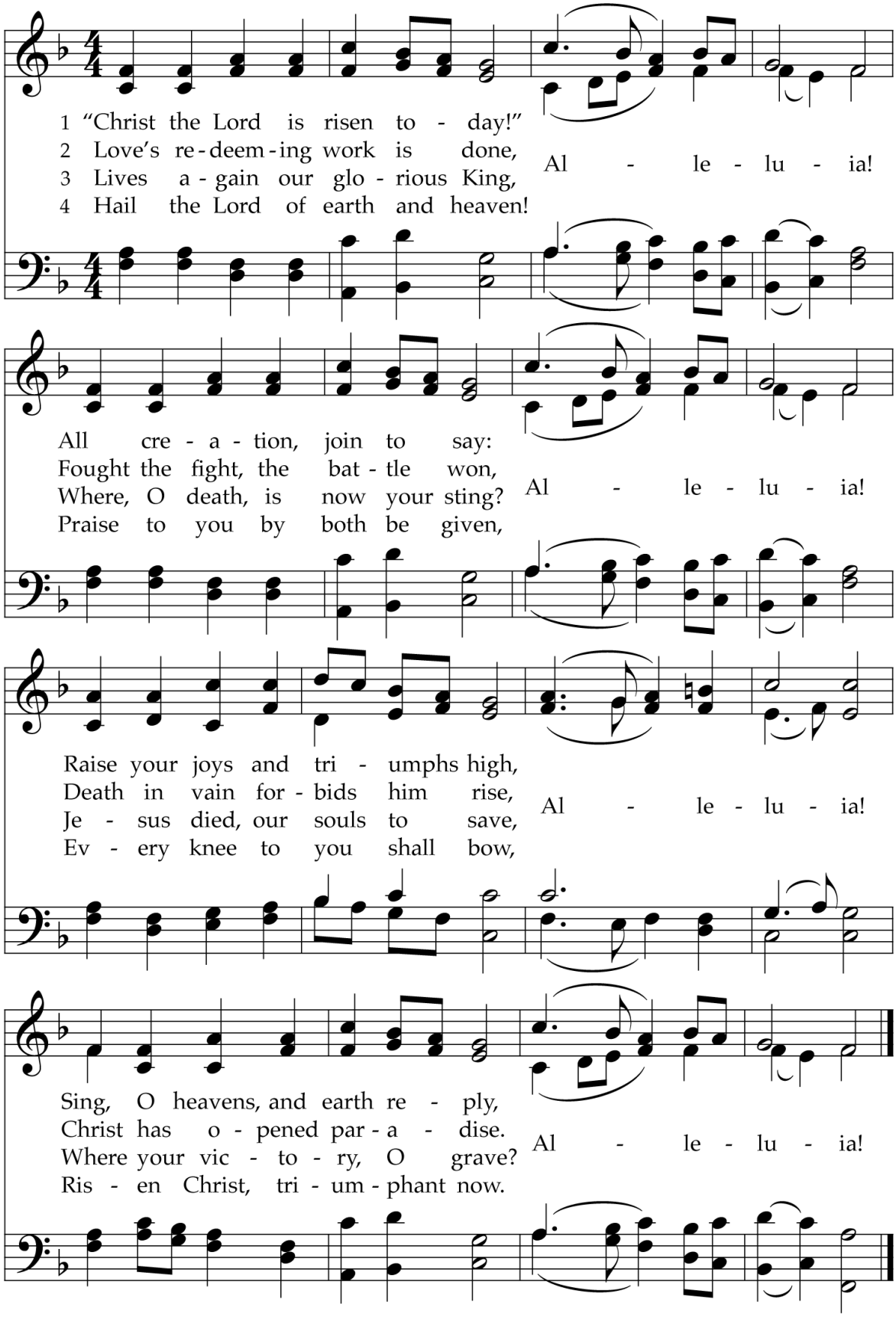
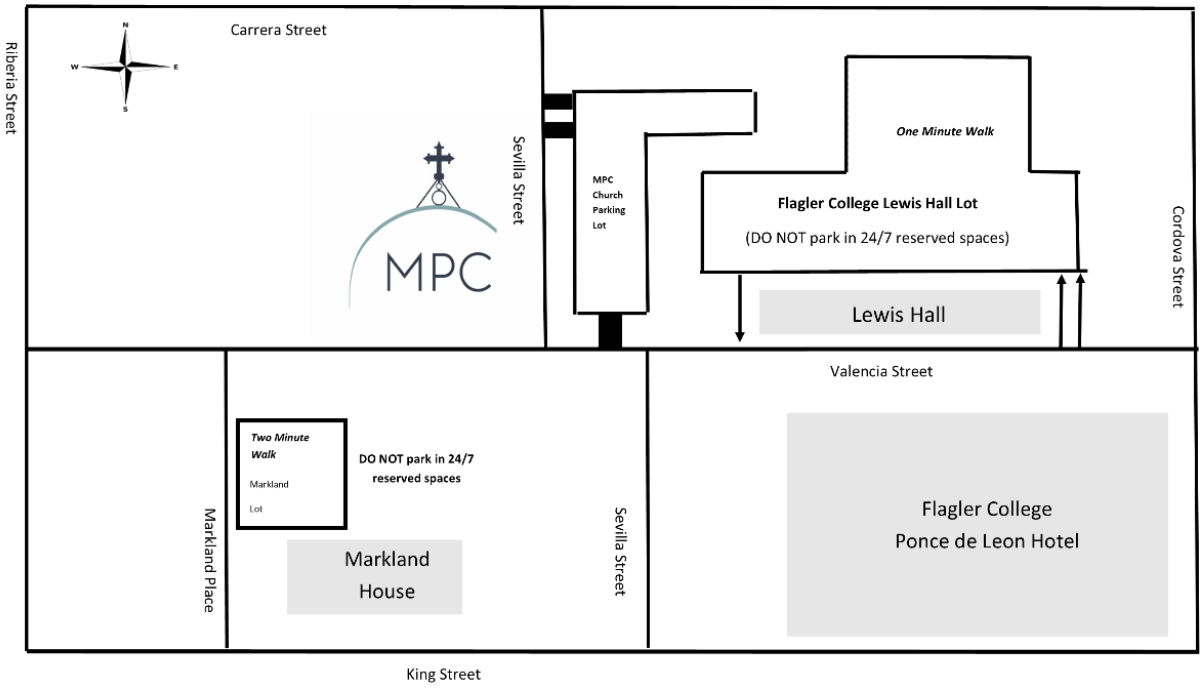


MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
March 31, 2024
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

All Sunday School classes are cancelled today due to Easter. See you next week!

MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:
In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis Hall parking lots and Markland House lot. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances; the Markland House lot is accessed via Markland Place. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings



Dear Friends,

Our church vision statement is: "MPC will embody Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality."

One way for us to embody hospitality this Easter Sunday is to be mindful that people coming for our 11:00 am worship service will need space to park.

If you attend 8:30 am worship and/or Sunday School on Easter, please plan to depart, if at all possible, by 10:45 am. This would help tremendously to make it easier for others to park for the late service.

Thanks for your understanding and help as we try to be hospitable to all attending worship at Memorial this Easter.

Holy Week blessings,
Pastor Hunter

MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 3-31-24

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by the Worship and Music committee to the glory of God and in loving celebration of our Risen Christ.

Happy Birthday to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, March 31 – April 6: John Bailey, Jr., Meredith Breidenstein, Marjie Bria, Bob Elliot, Dr. Robert English, Linda Evans, Susan Goedert, Jennifer Grannis, Dr. Carrie Grant, Michael Hawkins, Paul Kehler, Hadley Lomax, Janet Maley, Dr. Susan Martin, Kevin McNeal, Teddy Meyer, Mary Obrzut, Adeline Pang, Samantha Parsons, Thomas Phillips, Liam Scanlan, Reilly Scanlan, Walter Schwadron, Cindy Scott, Veronica Stoldt Martinson, April Yungel

FEAST Wednesday Night Dinner and Program: Come to the church for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and programs (Children's Choir, Youth Lounge in the Loft, and Adult Program) at 6:00 p.m. It's a great opportunity to get to know your church family with a shared meal. The Nursery is available as well.

This Wednesday, April 3, 2024:

- **Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Baked Potato Bar… Including $$million Dollar Bacon!!!** Cost is $7.00/Adult and $4.00/Child. Children's Meal: Chick-fil-A with side, sweet treat & bread.

- **Grab 'N Go Meals:** If you would like a Grab 'N Go meal, please text your order to Chef Cheryl at 240-285-3731 by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday to pre-order. Pay at the front door of Fellowship Hall.

- **Program at 6:00 p.m.:** "Religious Art History", with Dr. Libby Heineken and Rev. Amy Lehr Camp, Parish Associate, Chapel

Children's Easter Egg Hunt: Children (up to 5th grade) are welcome to join in an Easter Egg Hunt at the church today. Please bring your basket and meet on the Church Office lawn at 9:45 a.m. (corner of Sevilla and Carrera).

Today, we are collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing: Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope**.**
There ar four ways to give: please drop a check (OGHS in the memo line) in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary; mail a check to the church office; click the GIVE NOW button on our website; or text STAMPC to 73256. Click Give Online, click fund, click other contribution and enter OGHS or One Great Hour of Sharing in the Memo space provided. Click here for more information on One Great Hour of Sharing. https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/.

FEAST Program: Join us for "The Life of Jesus" in Art History this Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in our chapel with Dr. Libby Heineken, MPC member & Art Historian, and Pastor Amy Lehr Camp. Dr. Libby Heineken earned her Ph.D. in Art Education from Florida State University and is currently an adjunct professor at two local colleges. As a military spouse and educator, she taught throughout the United States and in Europe, and been blessed with opportunities to see artist's creations there and in North Africa. She also volunteers leading a program designed specifically for women with visual impairments at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens.

Food Bank Collection: Next week, the first Sunday of the month, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., there will be a donation box in Fellowship Hall for your gifts of healthy non-perishable food, personal hygiene and home cleaning products for the Homeless Coalition. Be part of the solution! Direct questions or request a flyer with more guidance regarding desired and acceptable donation items via email to clerk@memorialpcusa.org.

Youth Fundraiser: Join us for Dinner and a Show on Sunday, April 7, 5:00-7:00 in Lewis Hall. The youth of our church will be cooking and serving dinner, as well as entertaining you with their many gifts and talents. Tickets are $20 and will be sold at the door, or in Lewis Hall before and after worship on April 7.

College Group Activity - Sunday, April 7th: Our MPC UKirk group will eat lunch together and then head to the St. Augustine Lighthouse for an afternoon climb. All college-age young adults are welcome! We will meet up after the second service at 12:00 p.m. in Lewis Fellowship Hall.
Reach out to Mary Scine for more information or with any questions at
mary.memorialpcus@gmail.com

Presbyterian Day School Book Fair: We are all looking forward to our Scholastic Book Fair! We will mostly have books for infants and preschool aged children but will have some books for older siblings and even adults as well. **The kick-off will be Monday, April 8th and will end on Sunday, April 14th.** If you're unable to attend the bookfair, visit our book fair homepage at https://www.scholastic.com/bf/memorialpds. We are also in need of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, visit our Sign-Up Genius at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845A4A62DABF8C61-47698777-book. The Book Fair is going to be in Lewis Hall (Upper landing) and the schedule is:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	Tuesday & Thursday	Sunday
11:00 am-12:00 pm	8:00 am-9:30 am	9:15 am-11:00 am
1:00 pm-2:15 pm	1:00 pm-2:00 pm	2:15 pm-4:30 pm
5:00 – 6:00 pm (Wednesday only)		

Presbyterian Women Lunch & Learn: On Sunday, April 14th, Presbyterian Women is hosting a Lunch & Learn at 12:30 p.m. in Lewis Fellowship Hall. Rev. Olive Mahabir is the new pastor at Highlands Pres. in Jacksonville. She is also the author of this year's PW Study: "Sacred Encounter" and she will be discussing chapter 9, the final lesson. Kris Kelly will send a PDF of the lesson for those interesting in reading it ahead of time. She is a fascinating speaker, as she spoke at our January gathering at Camp Montgomery and we were all delighted and entranced. The entire congregation is invited to attend. The PW Birthday Offering will also be collected. Chef Cheryl is catering. The cost is $10.00 and you can pay at the door. Please register by April 3rd at https://bit.ly/PWLunchandLearn041424 email Kris Kelly at krissings@yahoo.com.

Centenarians and Nonagenarians Celebration: Council on Aging (COA) will honor our community's Centenarians and Nonagenarians (aged 95 to 100 and better). Centenarians and Nonagenarians and one guest are invited to attend a special luncheon on Thursday, May 9th at 12:00 p.m. at River House. For more information and to RSVP prior to April 24th please contact COA's Janel Graham at 904-209-3697 or jgraham@coasjc.org.

Sanctuary Flowers Available: Flowers can be ordered in honor or in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special life event. Your personal dedication will be placed in the announcements for that Sunday. Flowers are $80 and remain at the church. Our Deacons currently use them to bring love and cheer to our home-bound and nursing home members. The following dates are available: April 7, 28; May 12, 26; June 2, 23, 30; July 28. If you have a special day in mind, please contact Sue Kamerzel, 904-829-6451 or skamerzel@memorialpcusa.org to reserve your date and for payment information.

MPC Email Newsletter List: Please subscribe to our mailing list to receive a weekly church newsletter via email. It will help you to stay in the know with important ministry updates, dates to remember, and brief accounts of how God is at work in meaningful ways. Two ways to subscribe:

1. Use this QR code
2. Scroll to the bottom of our website homepage to enter your information

ARE YOU STRUGGLING? **You are not alone.** *Call the church office 904-829-6451 and make an appointment with one of our pastors.*

Church Officers: Are you curious about our Elders, Deacons, and Trustees---who they are and the capacities in which they serve? If so, please check out a new page on our church website called "Church Officers." It can be found under the "About" tab at memorialpcusa.org. We're thankful for all our leaders who have been called to serve as church officers!

Al-Anon at MPC: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

Need Prayer? Prayer Request Cards are back in the pews, and you can place the prayer card in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services, or you can email amycamp@memorialpcusa.org for private prayer or krissings@yahoo.com for MPC's public prayer chain.

We are a Matthew 25 Congregation: Visit this website for more information: https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/. For more information about what that means for MPC, contact Julie Reffel, Chairperson of our Session's Peacemaking Committee jreffel@valdosta.edu or Tom Eyerly, Matthew 25 Point Person: tom@eyerly.org

Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence:
Riverside Cottages: Carolyn Smith and Bette Upchurch
Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN: Sue Holder

Recovering at Home:
Vickie Gard, Betsy Haynes, Bob Mullen

Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home:
Private 1st Class, Jackson Arthur Sharpe, serving at Ft. Hood, TX
Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums, serving on the Medical Team with the National Guard

CHURCH CALENDAR		
Sun. 3-31-24	7:00 am 8:30 am 9:30 – 11:00 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service (live-streamed) - Courtyard Worship Service Brunch – Lewis Fellowship Hall Children's Easter Egg Hunt Worship Service (also on Facebook Live and Website)
Mon. 4-1-24		MPC Office Closed – Easter Monday
Tues. 4-2-24	10:00 am 3:00 pm 5:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting – Room 205 Christ, Conversation & Connection - Zoom St. Augustine Community Chorus - LFH
Wed. 4-3-24	10:30 am 3:45 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:15 – 7:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Easter Gentle Yoga – Courtyard Handbell Choir Rehearsal Ukirk – LFH Parlor Worship and Music Meeting – Room 205 FEAST Dinner and Program Children's Choir Rehearsals – Rooms 215 and 224 Youth Fundraiser Rehearsal – LFH
Thurs. 4-4-24	8:30 am 6:30 pm	Sew & Sow – LFH Upper Landing Stewardship Meeting – LFH Parlor
Fri. 4-5-24	10:00 am 11:00 – 3:30 5:30 – 8:00 pm	SMAART Men's Group – LFH Upper Landing Sanctuary Open for Tours Middle School Guys Night – Off Campus
Sat. 4-6-24	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon STEP Meeting – Room 205

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DRAW IT

In Isaiah 25, we read about God holding a feast for all of us on a mountain - a place to celebrate God and God's care for us. It will be like a big party! **Draw a picture of what you imagine this will look like. Who will be there?**

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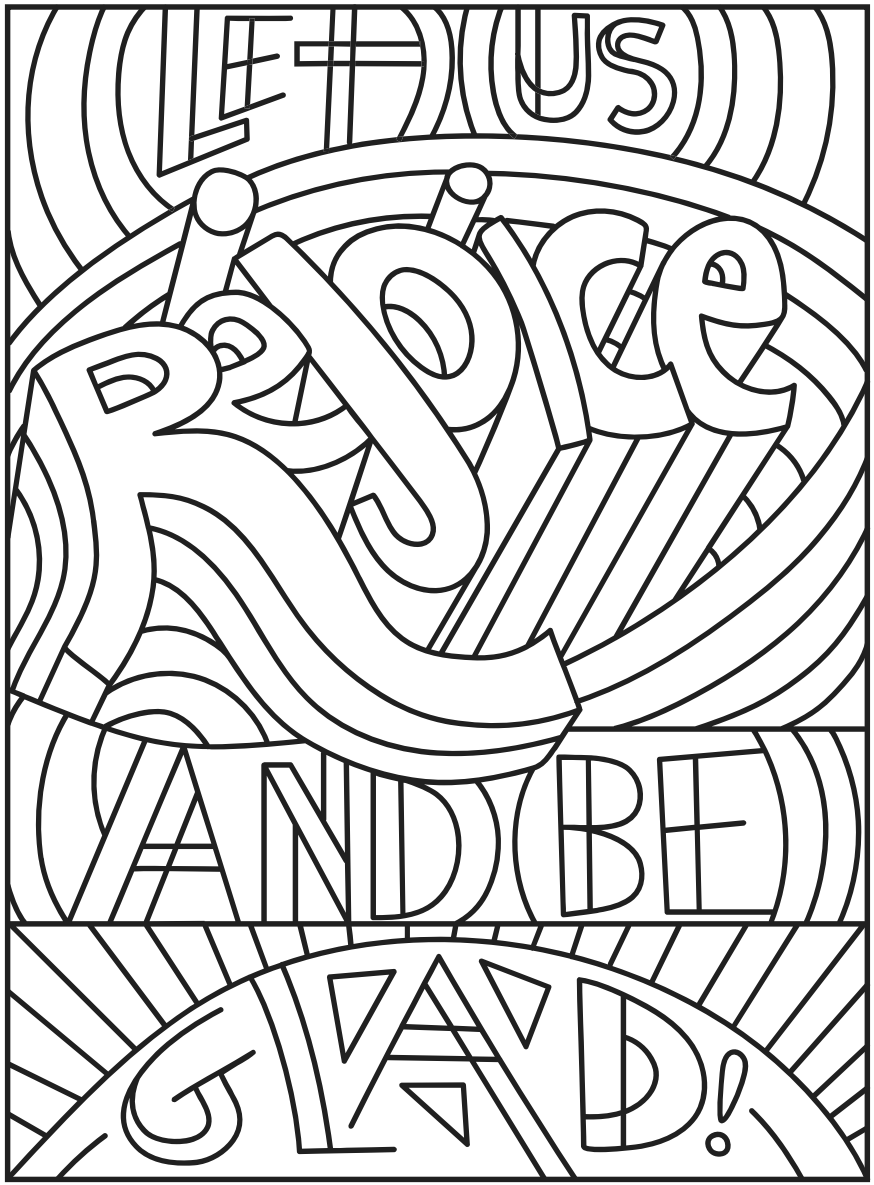
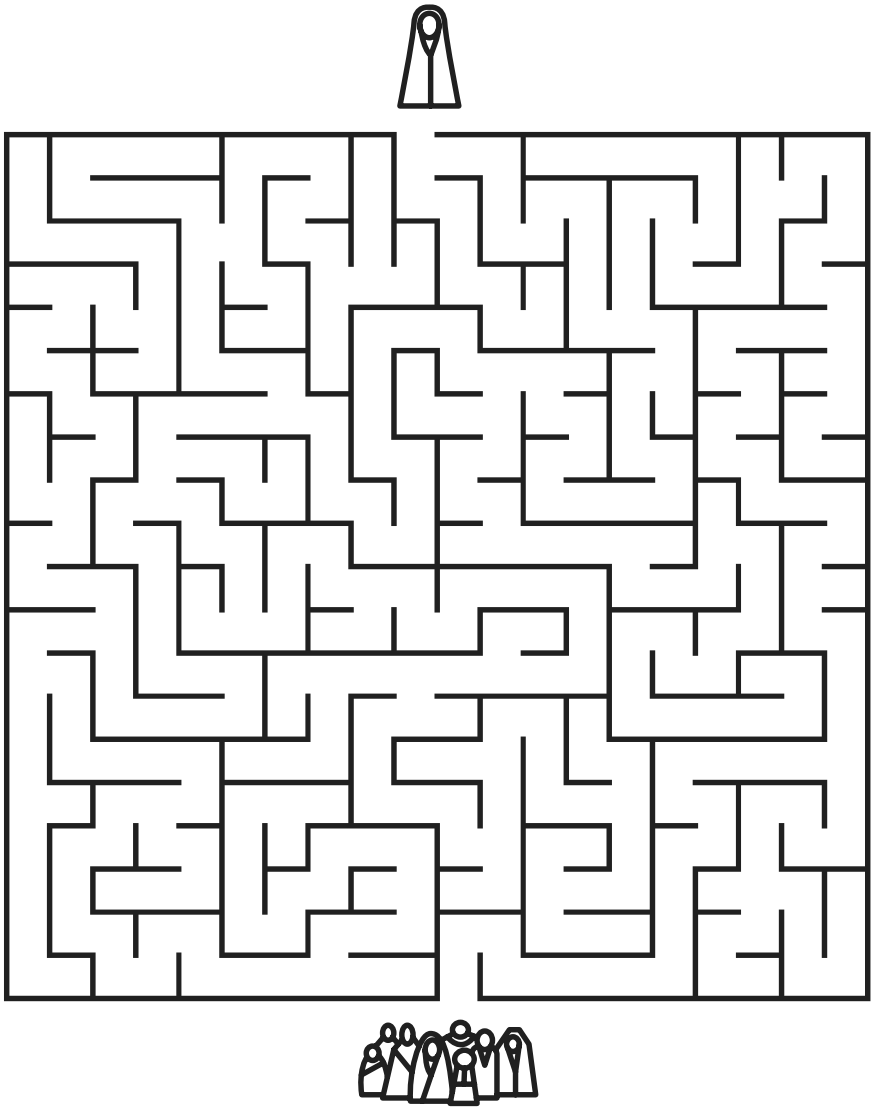
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on John 20:1-18, Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24.



SOLVE the MAZE

In John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene is the first person to see Jesus after he comes to life after dying. **Help Mary make her way to the other disciples to share the amazing news! Imagine what their faces look like. What do they say to each other?**



UNSCRAMBLE IT

Unscramble the words below.

E H S T S T R N E !

E A L L L U A T !

E H S T N T E S R N T E D D E !

DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of an act of kindness you can do.