

## \*DENYING DEATH ITS VICTORY

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?  
Herod, Pontius Pilate, where's your victory? What's become of your sting?  
To all who tried to silence Jesus, to all who conspired to kill Jesus, to all who tried  
to cast Jesus off the face of this earth forever—where's your victory, your sting?

*Jesus lives! Christ is risen! And we follow him still!*

And to those who're trying to silence the voice of love and compassion today,  
to those promoting injustice and inequality today,  
to those hoarding power and wealth today,  
to those closing your hearts to the poor and the suffering today,  
you may sting now, but victory will never be yours!

*Because Jesus lives! Christ is risen! And we follow him still!*

*In his name, we lift our voices for love and compassion,*

*promote justice and equality for all people,*

*seek to equalize power and wealth,*

*open our hearts to the poor and the suffering!*

*Jesus lives! Christ is risen! We follow him still! Indeed, we do!*

## CELEBRATING CHRIST'S RESURRECTION WITH SONG AND FLOWERS

### PLACING FLOWERS ON THE CROSS

The flowers appear on earth, the time of singing has come,  
And the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;  
They give forth fragrance. Song of Solomon 2: 12-13

### SINGING AS WE CELEBRATE

*In the Bulb There is a Flower* Black Hymnal 433

## SHARING AND PRAYING

### SHARING FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR LIVES

### LIFTING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER

### PRAYING AS JESUS PRAYED

debts and debtors

## REFLECTING ON THE RESURRECTION, OFFERING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE HAVE

### REFLECTING

Well I'll hold you up again  
And I'll hold you up again

I'll hold you up again  
And I'll hold you up again  
You fought and you won  
Now my brother, you're gone  
You fought and you won  
Now my brother, you're gone

I feel it many times  
When I shut these eyes  
And I feel you many times  
When I shut these eyes  
Well I'll hold you up again  
I'll hold you up again

Xavier Rudd

### OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from *Messiah* Handel

### \*PRAISING GOD

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

### \*DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND POSSESSIONS TO GOD

## DEPARTING TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

\*SINGING A HYMN *Thine Is the Glory* Red Hymnal 193

### \*OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

### \*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG "Hallelujah!" from *Messiah* Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
And of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever,  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Adult Christian Education** group is studying the relationship between racism and our nation's criminal justice system. A listing of the readings for this study can be found at our church web site under the Ministry and Adult Ed links.

We have two upcoming **after-worship discussions**. On **April 8**, the folks gathering for "Notes to myself..." will meet after worship. On **April 29**, we'll gather to answer Jesus' question to his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"

Carrie Newcomer is giving a **benefit concert** for the **Austin Sanctuary Network** on **Friday, April 20, 8 pm**, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 14311 Wells Branch Drive. Tickets cost \$20.00, and you can purchase them from Whit Bodman or online at <https://grassrottsleadership.org/ASNbenefit2018>

The **Micah 6 Sunday Drop-In Meal** preparers and servers will meet on **Sunday, April 22**, after worship to discuss whether to extend our commitment to prepare and serve meals throughout 2018 and into 2019.

We'll be celebrating **Youth Sunday** on Sunday, **May 6**, along with our partner churches, University Baptist Church and University Christian Church. **We will not have a service here on May 6. We'll join UBC and UCC for a joint service at University Christian Church.**

The **Dialogue Institute of Austin** has invited our church to participate in an **Iftar Dinner** with our Muslim sisters and brothers as they observe Ramadan. We'll gather with them at the **Raindrop Turkish House** on Amherst Drive at **8 pm** on **Tuesday, May 22**.

In response to the rise of Islamophobia in our nation, our church is participating in the **Interfaith Action for Human Rights** banner project by hanging a banner that says, "We Stand With Our Muslim Neighbors."

The **rainbow stole** on the pulpit is in support of the struggle of all **LGBTQ** people for equity and justice, and for a life that is free from prejudice, intimidation and violence.

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons, Tue, April 3, 7:15 pm, at Joy Penticuff's  
Trustees, Thu, April 5, 7:15 pm, at Reuel Nash's

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

Usher Whit Bodman  
Fellowship Hour Easter Brunch

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The **Adult Christian Education Group** meets Sundays at 10:00 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Middle School and High School Students** remain in the service the first Sunday of each month; other Sundays their Sunday School begins after the Joys & Concerns.

**Elementary Sunday School** is held during the 11:00 am service, immediately following "Time with Children." The children will be escorted from the Sanctuary to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Christian Education room, and can be picked up from there after the service.

**Infant and Toddler Care** is available throughout the service in the Nursery.

Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

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**April 1, 2018**  
**Easter Sunday**



## GATHERING TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS

So they left the tomb quickly  
with fear and great joy,  
and ran to tell his disciples.

## REJOICING WITH SONG

Choir *The Strife Is O'er*

Vulpus/Ley.

## \*SHOUTING OUT THE UNBELIEVABLE

Jesus is risen from the dead!  
Jesus is risen from the dead!  
Jesus is risen from the dead!

Matthew 28: 1-9

We are filled with fear! Joy overwhelms us!  
*Jesus is risen from the dead!*

How is this possible? What does this mean?  
*Jesus is risen from the dead!*

We can't stop shouting it! It's so unbelievable!  
*Jesus is risen from the dead!*

What will Jesus do now? What will we do now?  
*Jesus is risen from the dead!*

We will never be the same! The world will never be the same!  
*Jesus is risen from the dead!*  
*Jesus is risen from the dead!*  
*Jesus is risen from the dead!*

\*SINGING WITH JOY *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Red Hymnal 187