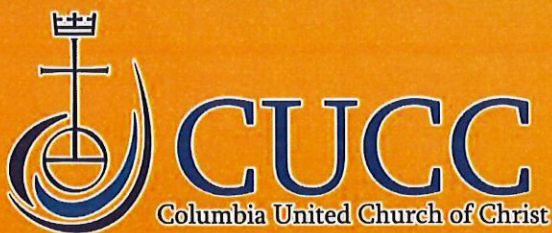
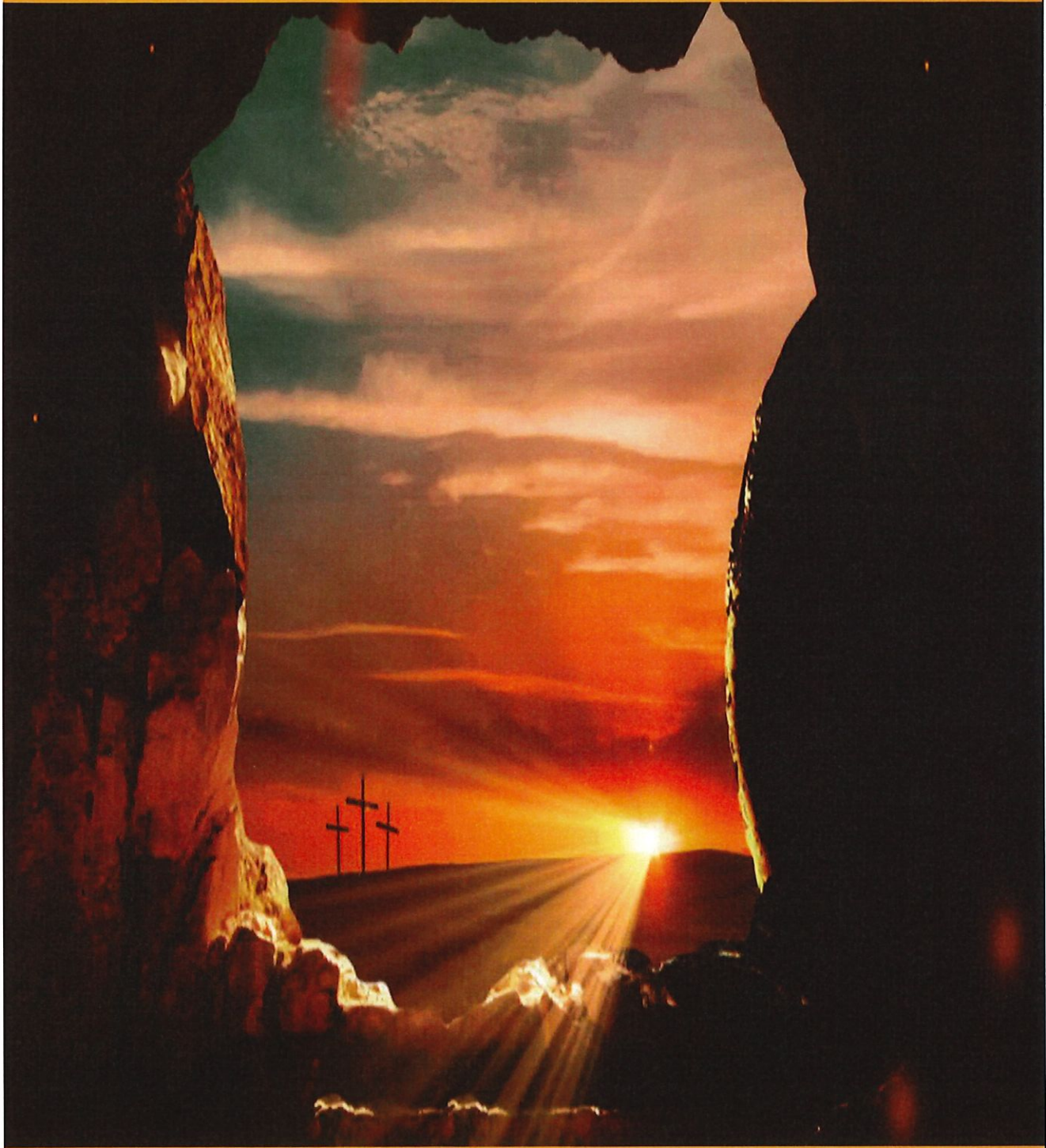


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**Columbia
United Church
Of Christ**

April 9, 2023

6:30 a.m. Worship

Happy Easter!

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

Gathering Music

Karen Zeferino

Welcome and Greetings – Gathering with God’s Blessings

“Nicodemus, who had first come to Jesus at night, came now in broad daylight carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes. They took Jesus’ body and, following the Jewish burial custom, wrapped it in linen with the spices. There was a garden near the place he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been placed. So, because it was Sabbath preparation for the Jews and the tomb was convenient, they placed Jesus in in it.” -John 19:39-42 (from “The Message”)

***Call to Worship**

We gathered in the Sanctuary Friday to witness a terrible sight;
The Savior betrayed, denied, mocked, and crucified.

But this morning, everything is renewed!

Christ is not dead, but alive! Christ has Risen! Alleluia!

Up from the grave, our Savior arose!

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Christ the Lord is Risen, today! Let all the world rejoice!

Christ the Savior is here to stay! Let us praise Him!

Remembering family and friends no longer with us, we gather

Celebrating that Christ has conquered the grave!

**We remember the promises of New Life already fulfilled in
those who have gone before us!**

We remember the promise that we, too, shall have New Life!

We remember and celebrate the Resurrection that is ours!

Up from the grave He arose! Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn** “Up From the Grave He Arose!” *(insert)*

***Gathering Prayer**

**God of Resurrection miracles, we have sat in the morning dew
listening to this sunrise story heard on Easter morning dozens
of times. Yet today, we hear it as anew. We open our lives to**

Your promises of New Life and Resurrection, made evident by the empty tomb, today. We gather, believing in Salvation and believing in Your continual promises, creating New Life where there had only been emptiness. Create in us, hearts that are receptive to the ways that You are constantly recreating us, that we may be vessels of your Salvation for the world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

Children's Time & Flowering the Cross

As you come forward to place your flower in the cross, pause a moment at the foot of the cross to say a silent (or out loud) prayer thanking God for all of the blessings in your life. Families (whatever form the term 'family' means to you) are welcome to approach the cross together and say a communal prayer.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Sermon

"Roll the Stone Away"

Hymn:

"Morning Has Broken"

(insert)

Invitation to Communion

Prayer; Institution; Fraction; Distribution

***EVERYONE** is invited to come forward to receive communion from Pastor Rick and the ushers. When you come forward, you may bring your offering and drop it in the offering plates.*

Community Prayer and The 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 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.

*Parting Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

(insert)

*Benediction

*Response:

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!

Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!

With God our Creator, Children all are we!

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!

Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!

Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!

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Welcoming all God's Children;
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;
Building a supportive church family;
Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach*



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Christ Arose!

1. Low in the grave he lay, Je-sus my Sav-ior, wait-ing the com-ing day,
 2. Vain-ly they watch his bed, Je-sus my Sav-ior; vain-ly they seal the dead,
 3. Death can-not keep its prey, Je-sus my Sav-ior; he tore the bars a-way,

Refrain
 Je-sus my Lord! Up from the grave he a-rose, (he a-rose) with a

might-y tri-umph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes) he a-rose a vic-tor from the

dark do-main, and he lives for-ev-er, with his saints to reign. He a-

rose! (he a-rose) He a-rose! (he a-rose) Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!

Morning Has Broken

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun-lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing-ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev-ery

Am G C G Am Dm GW C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Descant

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, A - le - lu - ia!

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

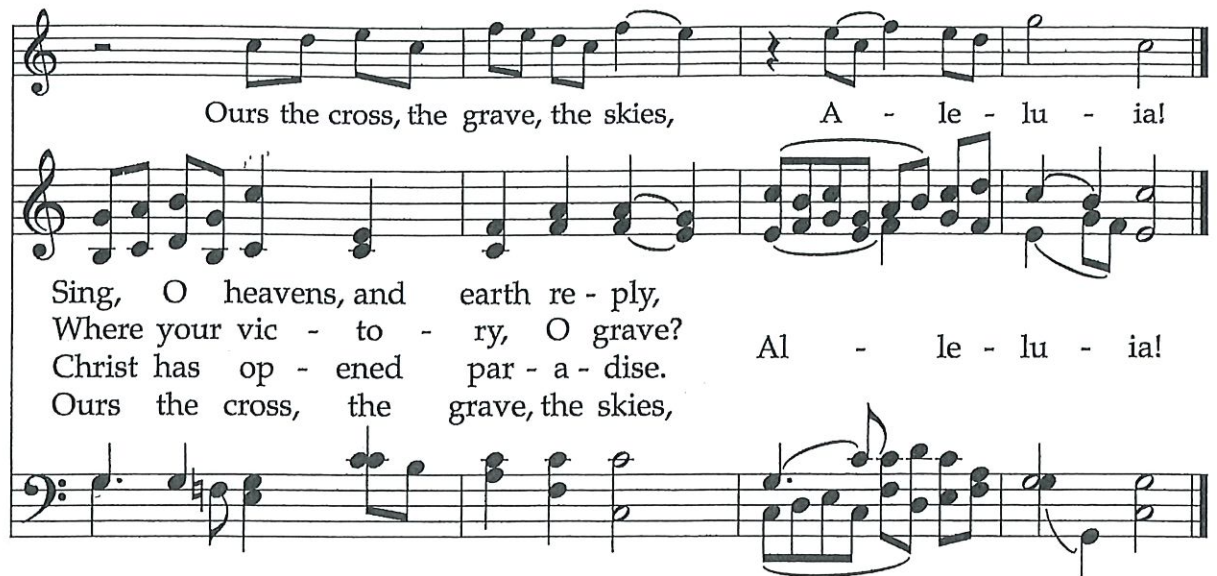
Fol - low - ing our Head, A - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Made like him, like him we rise,

Al - le - lu - ia!



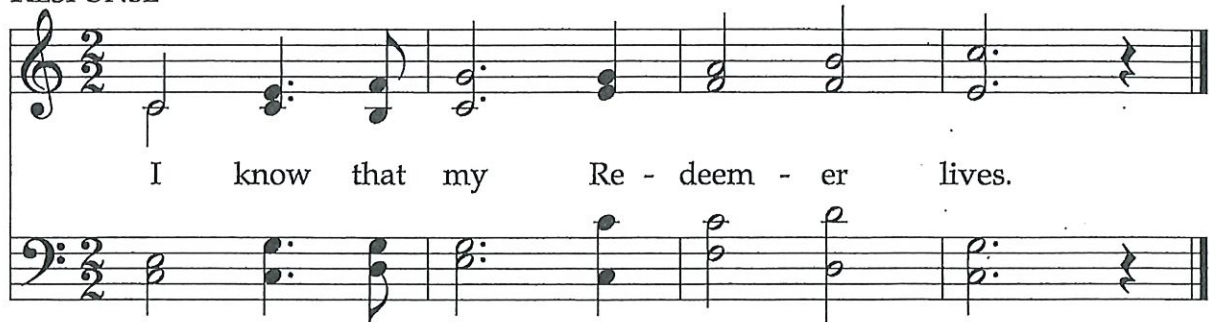
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
Christ has op - ened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

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RESPONSE



I know that my Re - deem - er lives.

R

Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch,
as you really are unleavened.

For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

Therefore, let us celebrate the festival,

**not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. R**

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,
will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

**So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus. R**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.

For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead
has also come through a human being;

**for as all die in Adam,
so all will be made alive in Christ. R**