



F ull courage and joy

April 26, 2020

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago

3rd Sunday of Eastertide

Eastertide Call to Worship

from an ancient Easter hymn of praise known as the Exultet.

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

**All: Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
To the one who is, and who was, and who is to come.**

Leader: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes forever!

**All: Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

Leader: Rejoice, O church! Exult in glory!
The risen Savior shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

**All: Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Amen.**

I___ know that my Re - dee-mer lives glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___
 He___ lives, he lives, who once was dead glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___
 He___ lives, to bless me_ with his love glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___
 He___ lives, all glo - ry_ to his name! glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___

What_ com-fort this sweet sen-tence gives glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___
 He___ lives, my e - ver - las - ting Head glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___
 He___ lives to plead for_ me a - bove glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___
 He___ lives, my Je- sus, still the same glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah!___

Shout on, pray on, we're gain-ing ground glo - ry, hal-le - lu - jah! The

dead's a - live and the lost is found glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!___

I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Words: Samuel Medly, 1775, Music: American Folk melody

Confession of Sin, *from James 4*

Leader: *God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

All: **Silent time to pray and confess**

Prayer of silent confession:

Loving God,
You were victorious on that first Easter morning, and you are victorious now.
You conquered the grave and made a way for peace with us.
Yet we confess our unbelief.
We confess our anxious hearts and minds.
Help us in our unbelief.
Forgive us our sins.
Help us to rest in you and your mercy,
for through the cross and resurrection of your Son, you redeemed us and made us whole.
Amen.

Led by Iva and Brian Riggs

1. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit come, With e - ner -
2. Melt, melt this fro - zen heart; This stub - born
3. Con - vince us of our sin; Then lead to

gy di - vine, And on th - is poor, be -
will sub - due; each e - vil pas - sion
Je - sus' blood, And to our wond' - ring

night - ed soul, With beams of mer - cy shine.
o - ver - come, And form me all a - new.
view re - veal The se - cret love of God.

Abbeville, Words: Benjamin Beddome, 1800; Music: The Sacred Harp, E.J. King, 1844

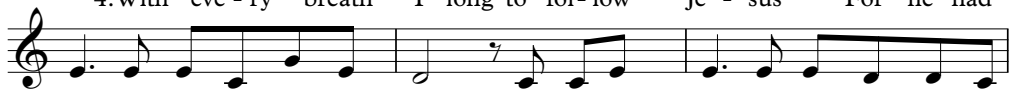
Assurance of Pardon, from Ephesians 1

Leader: *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.*

Sing to Assure



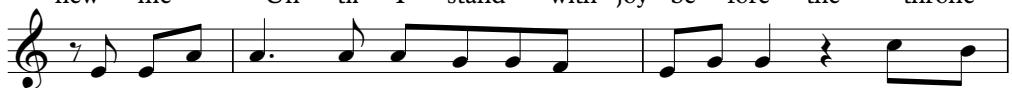
1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my red - ee - mer. There is no
2. The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en For by my
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en The fu - ture
4. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For he had



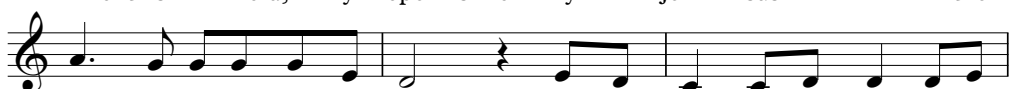
more for hea - ven now to give He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness and
side, the Sav - iour he will stay. I la bor on in weak - ness and rej
sure, the price it has been paid For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will re



free - dom My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
oic - ing For in my need, his pow - er is dis - played
par - don And he was raised to ov - er - throw the grave
new me Un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne



To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus For my
To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me Through the
To this I hold, my sin has been de - fea - ted Je - sus
To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus All the



life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can
deep - est val - ley he will lead Oh the night has been won, and I
now and ev - er is my plea Oh the chains are rel - eased, I can
glo - ry ev - er - more to him When the race is com - plete, still my



sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
shal ov - er - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Lessons from the Word *read by Sharon Durling*

Old Testament Lesson -
Gospel Lesson -

Genesis 50.15-21
Luke 12.27-31

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

musical interlude performed by Paul-David Young

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker
I Rejoice, Philippians 1:12–18a

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Prayers of the People *led by Jennie von Drehle*

Prayers for our community, our city, and our world

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: **Hear our 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, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen



Our Fa-ther, who in hea-ven be, All hal-low-ed praise we sing to
Give us th-is day our dai-ly bread. For give our__ debt-ors and our
All praise to__ Thee, the God of Light; All Praise to__ Christ, the glo-rious



Thee. And as we__ hail your king - dom come, We
debt. And from temp - ta - tion lead the way. Guard
Son; And to the__ Sp - rit, Lord of might, Now,



al - so__ pray your will be done. Your will be
us from__ ev - il till the day, Your king - dom
and e - ter - nal a - ges run. All praise to



done Your will be done, Your will be done, Your will be done.
come, Your king-dom come, Your king-dom come, Your king-dom come.
Thee, All praise to Thee, All praise to Thee, All praise to Thee.

*The Lord's Prayer, Words and Music, Paul van der Bijl, 2012, based on the Lord's Prayer,
verse 3 based on a Latin hymn*

Announcements in our community

Go With Joy



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those he saves are his de-light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the temp-ter would pre-vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Jus-tice has been sa-tis-fied; He will hold me fast.



I could ne-ver keep my hold _____ Through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom-is-es shall last;
Raised with him to end-less life, _____ He will hold me fast



For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last!



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sa-vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

He Will Hold Me Fast, Words: Ada R. Habershon, 1906; Music and addl. words, Matt Merker, 2013

Leader:

Benediction

Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.