



# Washington Street United Methodist Church

(Pre-Videoed)

Liturgical Color: White, symbolizing the Resurrected Christ  
Washington Street UMC ~ Christ Chapel

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

*Fanfare for Organ*  
Louis Shirer, organ

Ronald Arnatt

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

*You may create your sanctuary in any space, for all things belong to God. We celebrate with joy the presence of the Living Christ!*

HYMN 318

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

(1, 2, 4, 5)

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and dwell in every place and time.
4. In every insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring with joy,  
with justice, love, and praise

Maria Beer, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ  
Words: Brain Wren, 1968, alt.; Music: *Truro*, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

OPENING PRAYER

**O Mysterious God,  
who hides in the shadows of our steps,  
who surprises in ways inexpressible  
who lingers in paradox:  
ignite our spirits to revel in your presence,  
inspire our souls to dance in your mystery,  
free our minds to rest in your holiness,  
fully comforted,  
totally quiet,  
completely yours.**

**In the name of Christ, the Mysterious Word made flesh. Amen. \***

## RESPONSIVE READING

## Psalm 136

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**
- 2 O give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**
- 3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 4 who alone does great wonders,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 5 who by understanding made the heavens,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 6 who spread out the earth above the waters,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 7 who made the great lights,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 8 the sun to rule over the day,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 10 who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 11 and brought Israel out from among them,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 12 with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 13 who divided the Red Sea in two,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 14 and made Israel pass through the midst of it,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 15 but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 16 who led his people through the wilderness,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 17 who struck down great kings,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 18 and killed famous kings,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 20 and Og, king of Bashan,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 21 and gave their land as a heritage,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- 22 a heritage to Israel his servant,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**
- 23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>24</sup> and rescued us from our foes,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**  
<sup>25</sup> who gives food to all flesh,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
<sup>26</sup> O give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

SOLO *Alleluja- From the Motet Exsultate, jubilate*  
W. A. Mozart  
Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I John 4:7-21

PROCLAMATION "Motivation" Reverend Parrish

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN 700 Abide with Me EVENTIDE  
(1, 4, 5)

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ  
Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1847 (Lk. 24:29); Music: *Eventide*, W. H. Monk, 1861

BENEDICTION

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