



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday



Hallelujah He Is Risen, Wayne Pascall

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE

“The Risen Savior’s Diadem” by W.A. Mozart

Valerie Adelung

CHORAL INTROIT

“Incantation for Easter”
by Gordon Young

Chancel Choir

Christ is risen from the dead, come sing, alleluia!

He is risen as He said, glory, alleluia!

Glory, alleluia, sing we now and chant it.

Now victorious o’er the tomb, open now the prison;

No more sorrow, no more gloom; He is truly risen.

On this glorious Easter Day, praise we Christ our Savior;

Lift we now our voices high, sing we all together.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenn DiFrancesco

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

We wonder what God will say to us today.

Speak, Lord, Your servants are listening.

We wonder what resurrection is waking up in us.

Wake us up. Strengthen us. Set us on our feet.

We wonder what rises in us when good news is true.

Make us witnesses, in word and in life.

We wonder what hope looks like in a world like this.

Send us out with courage, for the sake of the world You love.

Let us worship God.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

Friends, the risen Christ meets us as we are. So we bring to God what is still heavy in us, what is still numb, and what is still afraid. And we ask God to forgive what needs forgiving and to raise in us what leads to life. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have relied on our own understanding and turned from Your ways.

This Easter we confess: we live as if death still has the final word. We stay asleep to the suffering around us. We choose comfort over courage, silence over witness, and fear over love. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up. Make us people of Your resurrection, for the sake of the world You love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Hear the good news: the tomb is empty, and mercy is stronger than sin. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. We are raised into new life. We are called to live awake, and to bear witness to hope. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

***CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 240**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!” (verse 3)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jenn DiFrancesco

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grace McDowell

God of Light and Truth, as we open Your Word, open us. Quiet the noise that keeps us from hearing. Re-order what is tangled in us. Give us courage to receive what challenges us, and freedom to live what You show us. By Your Spirit, make Christ clear to us in these scriptures, wake us up to new life, and send us as witnesses so that our lives might look more like His. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 52:1-2

Grace McDowell

Awake; awake;
put on your strength, O Zion!
Put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city,
for the uncircumcised and the unclean
shall enter you no more.
Shake yourself from the dust; rise up,
O captive Jerusalem;
loose the bonds from your neck,
O captive daughter Zion!

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Easter Bells are Ringing” by J.F. Williams

Chancel Choir

*Easter bells are ringing, bringing joy to all who hear.
Easter bells are ringing, reminding us every year
Of the child born in Bethlehem in a cattle shed,
Of the one who was crucified and rose up from the dead.
Let the bells ring out the news.
Let the sound through heaven ring.
Let the bells ring out the news:
Christ the Lord is King, He is King!
Easter bells are ringing, bringing joy to all who hear.
Easter bells are ringing, reminding us every year
Of the child born in Bethlehem in a manger stall,
Of the one who was crucified and rose to save us all.*

SCRIPTURE

Acts 13:26-31

Jenn DiFrancesco

“Brothers and sisters, you descendants of Abraham’s family and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent. Because the residents of Jerusalem and their leaders did not recognize him or understand the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath, they fulfilled those words by condemning him. Even though they found no cause for a sentence of death, they asked Pilate to have him killed. When they had carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, and they are now his witnesses to the people.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I Wonder What Rises In Us

Jenn DiFrancesco

*HYMN # 663

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

Easter wakes us up, and it changes what we do with what we have. So we offer these gifts with open hands, for the good of our neighbors. Let us bring our gifts to God.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates or giving online.

OFFERTORY

“Hymn” by Jane Marshall

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 606

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

Risen Christ, receive these gifts. Use them as public good news, to bring hope, healing, and justice to Your world. Wake us up, raise us up, and send us as witnesses. Amen.

*HYMN # 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“Alleluia” arr. by Douglas Wagner

Valerie Adelung

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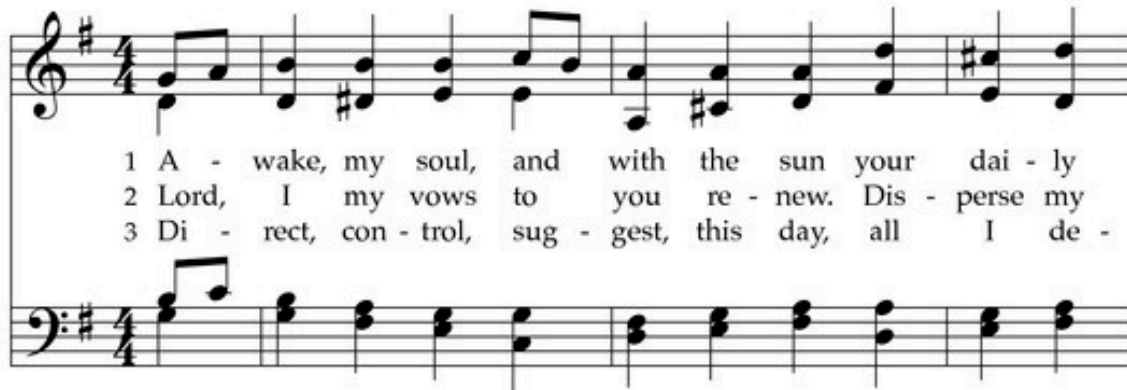
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

663 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your dai - ly
2 Lord, I my vows to you re - new. Dis - perse my
3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all I de -



stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
sign or do or say, that all my powers, with



joy - ful rise to pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
thought and will, and with your - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

These three stanzas (of the original fifteen) convey the essence of the morning hymn that was paired with "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" (no. 675) in the daily devotions of the boys at Winchester College. This tune was later composed especially for these words.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."