

The Journey March 31, 2024

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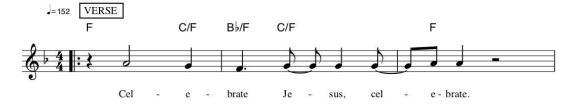


PRE-SERVICE MUSIC The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING SONG

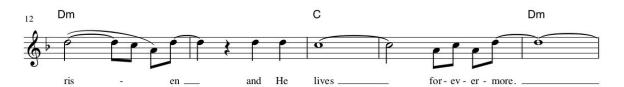
Celebrate Jesus

Words and Music by Gary Oliver





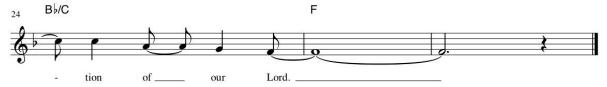








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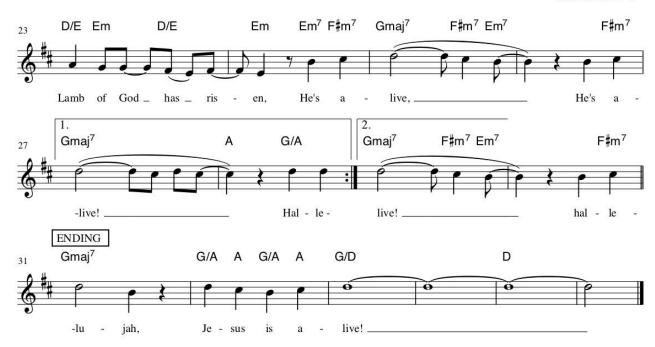
OPENING SONG

Jesus Is Alive

Words and Music by Ron Kenoly



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OPENING PRAYER

1ST READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15 1-2 Friends, let me go over the Message with you one final time—this Message that I proclaimed and that you made your own; this Message on which you took your stand and by which your life has been saved. (I'm assuming, now, that your belief was the real thing and not a passing fancy, that you're in this for good and holding fast.) **3-9** The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to me. It was fitting that I bring up the rear. I don't deserve to be included in that inner circle, as you well know, having spent all those early years trying my best to stamp God's church right out of existence. 10-11 But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste. Haven't I worked hard trying to do more than any of the others? Even then, my work didn't amount to all that much. It was God giving me the work to do, God giving me the energy to do it. So whether you heard it from me or from those others, it's all the same: We spoke God's truth and you entrusted your lives.

I Come To The Cross

Words and Music by Bob Somma and Bill Batstone



GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:1-8

- **16 1-3** When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could embalm him. Very early on Sunday morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each other, "Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?"
- **4-5** Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back—it was a huge stone—and walked right in. They saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback, astonished.
- **6-7** He said, "Don't be afraid. I know you're looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He's been raised up; he's here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now—on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You'll see him there, exactly as he said."

8 They got out as fast as they could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to anyone.

MESSAGE

Jesus Knows My Name

MESSAGE SONG

My Redeemer Lives

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world.

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope.

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife.

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. We pray for any who are sick especially for those who have asked for our prayers and those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause)..., Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day.

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

Let us give thanks to God for our many blessings as we offer our monetary gifts for the mission and ministry of this community of faith. For those who are online, you can offer your financial support for our mission and ministries by going to our website livinglordfl.org and clicking on the give button at the top of the home page.

APOSTLES CREED

A Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE MEAL

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER



MEAL INSTRUCTIONS

Holy Communion here is just this simple: All are welcome because this is the Lord's table. It is Jesus who invites us to share in this meal. So, it doesn't matter who you are or how you are but that you simply come because God's gifts are... **C** Free

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Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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MEAL SONG 2





MEAL SONG 3

Death Was Arrested

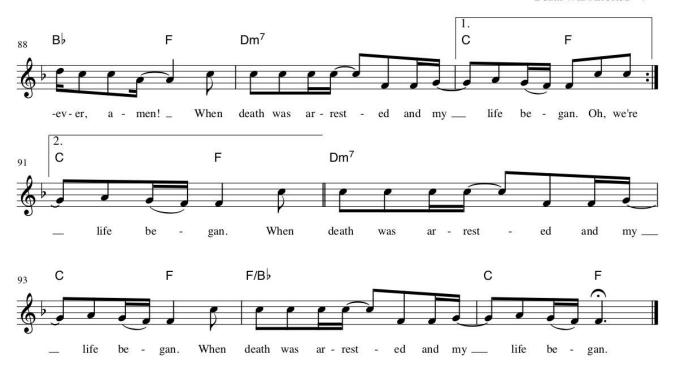
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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forevermore.

C Amen

SENDING SONG

Every Praise

Words and Music by Hezekiah Walker and John David Bratton



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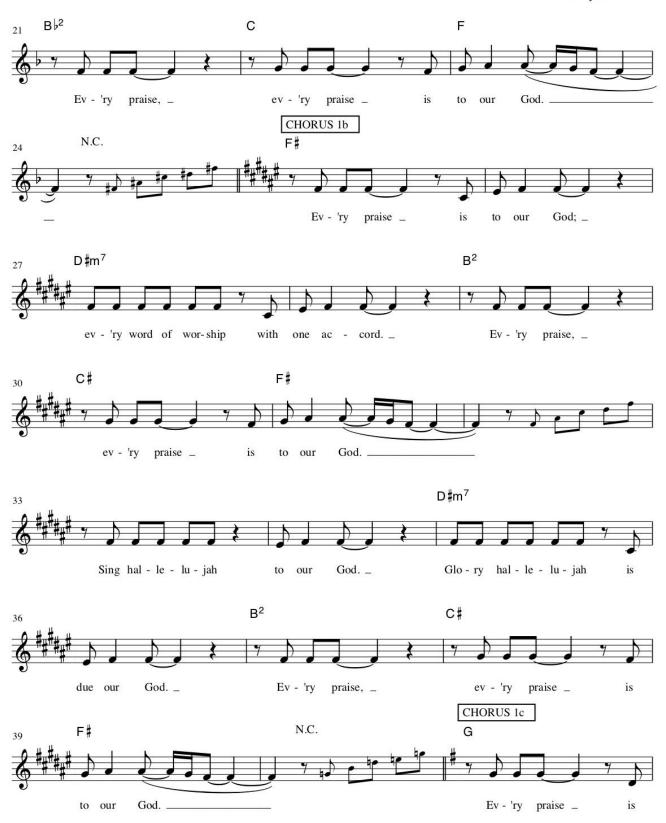
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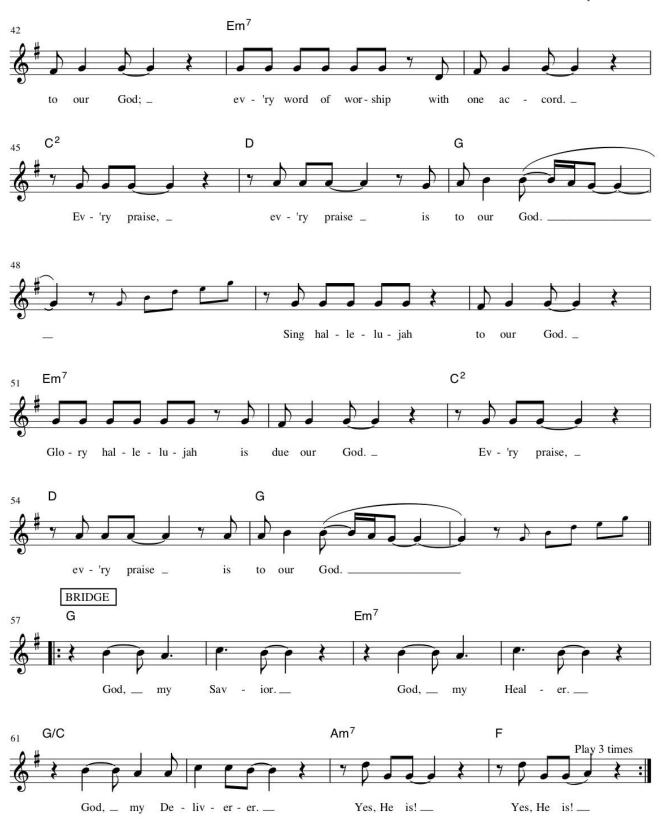
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DISMISSAL

DISMISSAL SONG

Joy In The Journey

Words and Music by Michael Card



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The Altar Flowers are given by Earl and Donna Viney. Our Lord and Savior - He has risen!

The Eternal Candle for the month of March is given by Sandy Coffman, "honoring my love, Bud Coffman".

The Altar Guild Karen Symos and Nancy Taylor

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION All who have faith in the words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" is really worthy and well prepared to receive this sacrament. Communion is by individual cup (wine or white grape juice and gluten free wafers are available). Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

The **Sunday bulletin** focuses on the what, when, and where of announcements and ministry opportunities for the upcoming week. Detailed information is available on our **Facebook** page, in the **Link**, which is published weekly, and in the **Voice**, our monthly newsletter, and on our **website** – <u>www.livinglordfl.org</u>. Extra copies of the **VOICE** are available in the Narthex in the mail bins on the south wall.

Financial Support Thank you for your continued support for our ministry and mission. Offerings can be mailed to the church.

Attendance Pads Please fill out the attendance register and pass it down the aisle and let us know you were here. Add your name and if you are communing place a "C" in the member or visitor column. Otherwise, simply place a checkmark ($\sqrt{}$) in that column. This is a change to satisfy our constitutional requirement to maintain a record of those who have communed. Thank you for helping us with this detail.

Covid-19 Guidelines Update:

The Worship Team's current guidelines include:

- The wearing of masks is optional. Each individual should choose what is right for them.
- The use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

Fully participate in the mission and ministries here at Living Lord by helping: Live Stream, Sound system, Celebration of Life, Life Group Coordinator. Contact the office if interested.

Our deepest sympathies to John and the Saum family on the passing of our dear friend, Marlene.

A memorial service will be held at Living Lord on Saturday April 20th at 10:30am.

SCRIP after each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards the purchase of an electronic sign. You can purchase gift cards at our table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

NO SCRIP TABLE TODAY. Will resume next week.

<u>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS</u> 10:05-10:50 am Teacher is Roger Raddatz. Class meets in the Activities Hall.

MONDAY "FAITH TALKS" Mondays, 10am-11:30 Join us. A newsworthy topic from *The Wired Word* curriculum will be the weekly focus of our adult education discussion. Bring your Bible.

<u>DIRECTOR OF JUBELLATION HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDED</u> This is a paid part-time position with practice one evening a week and performance in the Sunday service 1-2 times a month. If interested, please contact the office at (941)-753-9365. www.livinglordf.org.

EASTER HYDRANGEAS You may take home or pick up your purchased hydrangea after the 11am service on Easter Sunday.

OUR DAILY BREAD FOOD DRIVE Cash donations are also appreciated and can be placed in the offering plate. Please label your donation for Our Daily Bread. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry. With gratitude, Outreach Team. Contact: Sue Copeland or Mary Torke.

A STITCH AND A PRAYER, the handicrafts group will be having a spring raffle of handmade items April 14th. Tickets of 5 for \$20 or \$5 each will be sold April 7 and 14 between services with the drawing at noon on April 14th. Proceeds will go towards a new Living Lord sign. Thank you for your support!

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION On April 11, 2024 you are invited to have lunch at 11:30 at Station 400 located at 8215 Main Street behind the Starbucks. This luncheon is open to ALL who wish to attend. Please sign up on the Invitation sheet located in the Narthex. Any questions, please contact Diana Cubberly 941-773-3517.

<u>DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u> Our annual Day Camp will be held from <u>June 10th -14th</u> right here at Living Lord. We have already secured Luther Springs Counselors to run the programming, but we need a chairperson to coordinate the event and volunteers to help with meals, crafts, registration, nursing, and security. Please contact the office if you can help. Day Camp Registration begins in April.



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Easter Flower Dedications

James Beckman in honor of Patricia Beckman

Vídra Bernard in memory of Richard "Dick" Bernard

Díane Buechner in memory of my husband, Bob Buechner
Annette Coats in memory of Laurie Geiser
Sandy Coffman in memory of Leila Rechcygl
Arlene Conaghan

Jimmy and Susan Copeland in honor of our daughter, Sami and in memory of our parents

Joyce Dous in memory of my brother, John Perseo

The Dowling family in memory of our sweet Benjamin

Karen Hansing in honor of my new great grandson

Herb and Mary Hunter in honor of family

Karen Kitchie in memory of my brother, Howard

Patty Kunkel in memory of our dear friend, Marlene Saum Ruth and Bill McConnell in memory of Bill Heerman Bill and Marty Mork in memory of our sister, Harriet Foucher

Janice Pinsonneault in memory of our parents

Lynn Pope in memory of Derek VanDuyn, Don and Gladys Walden, Frank and Jeanne Pope and Ralph Woodworth, Jr.

The Powers Family in memory of Matthew Ryan Powers

Lou and Karen Symos in memory of Ruth and Paul Kofoed and John and Evangeline Asemokopolos

Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer in memory of our parents and brothers

Barbara VanBuren in memory of loved ones

Janice Zipp in memory of Richard Zipp

Flowers may be taken home after the 11:00 service on Sunday or picked up during office hours the following week.