



EASTER Sunday

First United Methodist Church

The Church with a Heart in the Heart of Cheraw

Sunday, April 20 2025

Sanctuary | 11:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HOPE OF THE WORLD, O CHRIST O'ER DEATH VICTORIOUS, WHO BY THIS SIGN DIDST CONQUER
GRIEF AND PAIN, WE WOULD BE FAITHFUL TO THY GOSPEL GLORIOUS, THOU ART OUR LORD! THOU
DOST FOREVER REIGN. ALLELUIA!

**Standing*

EASTER BELL PEAL

Handbell Choir

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Now the Green Blade Riseth
Celebration Fanfare*

Handbell Choir

CHORAL INTROIT

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

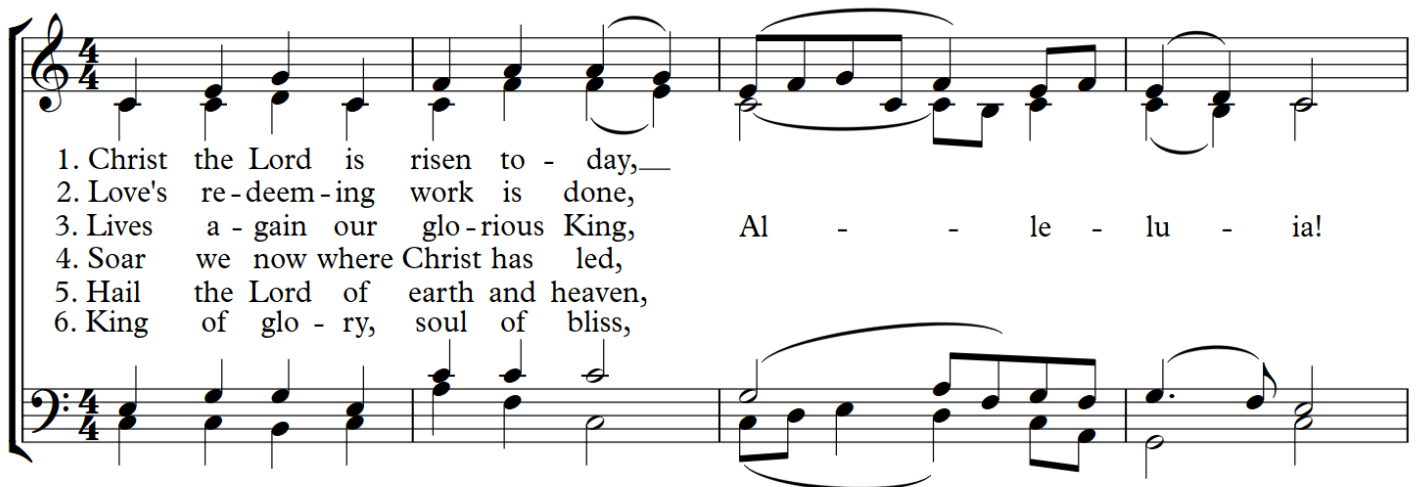
VICTORY

*HYMN IN PROCESSION

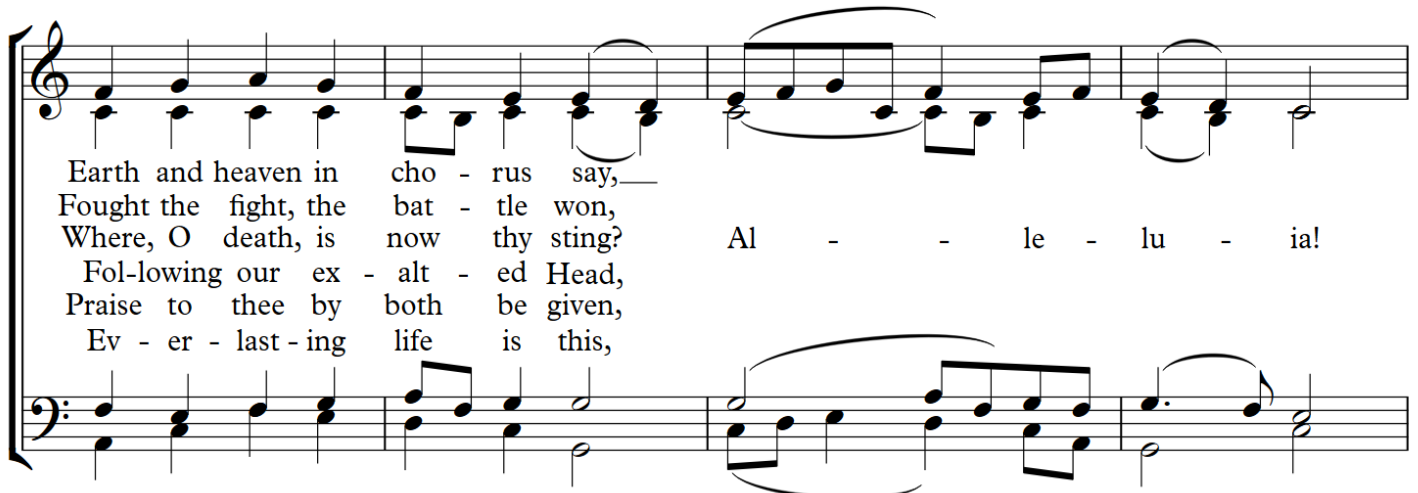
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

THE CONGREGATION STANDS WHEN THE MUSIC BEGINS



1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,—
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led,
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven,
6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss,



Earth and heaven in cho - rus say,—
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,
Praise to thee by both be given,
Ev - er - last - ing life is this,

Raise your joys and triumphs high,
 Death in vain forbids him rise,
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise,
 Thee we greet triumphant now,
 Thee to know, thy power to prove,

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply,
 Christ has opened paradise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy victory, boasting grave?
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
 Hail the Resurrection, thou,
 Thus to sing, and thus to love,

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Keith Stewart

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Keith Stewart

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.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 Born of the Virgin Mary,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 Was crucified, dead, and buried;
 The third day he rose from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven.
 And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - ginn - ing, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

Richard Proulx

**R**

The Lord is my strength and my power;
the Lord has become my salvation.

**There are joyous songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
the right hand of the Lord is exalted,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live,
And recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has chastened me sorely,
But has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
That I may enter through them
And give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
The righteous shall enter through it. R**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. R**

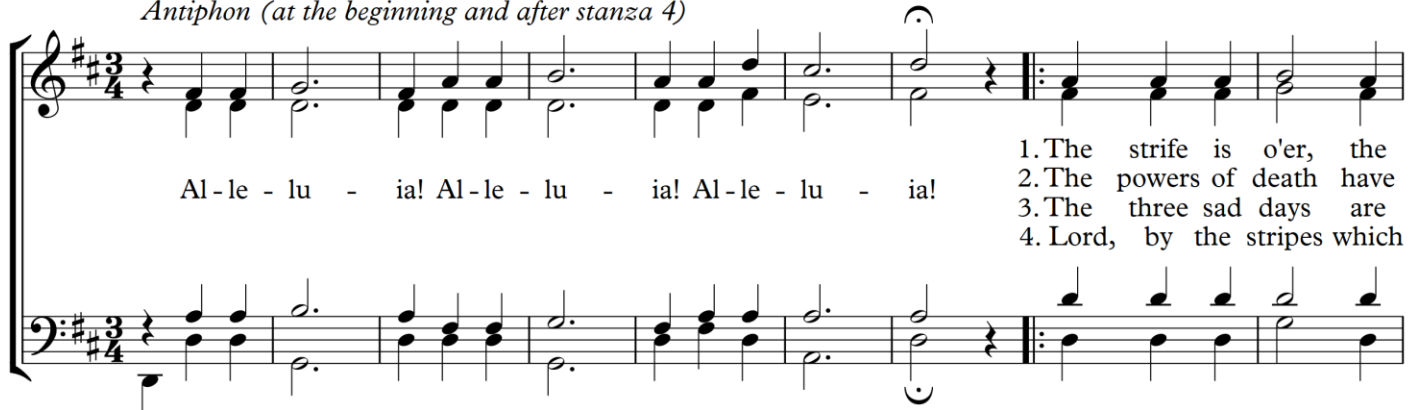
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Scott Eddins

*HYMN

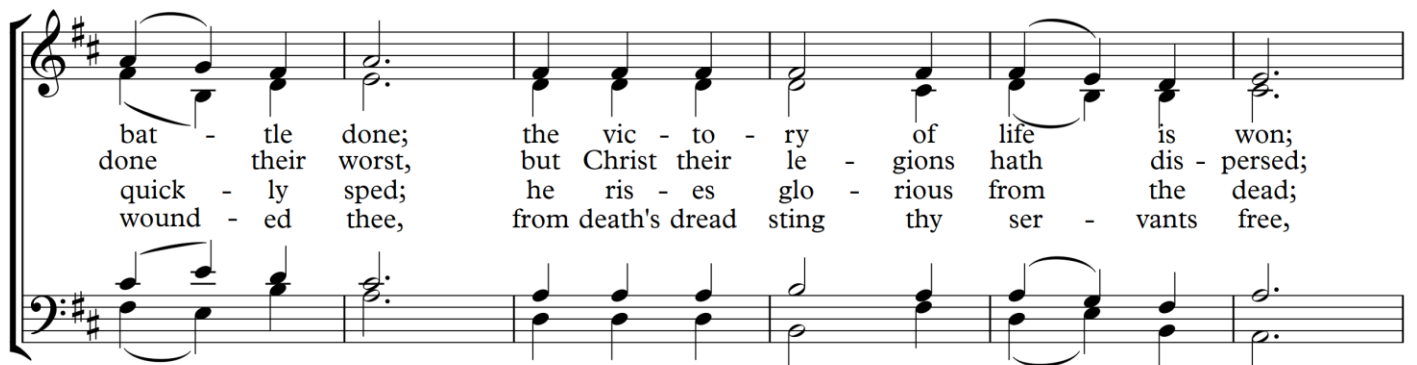
The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

VICTORY

Antiphon (at the beginning and after stanza 4)


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the
2. The powers of death have
3. The three sad days are
4. Lord, by the stripes which



bat - tle done; the vic - to - ry of life is won;
 done their worst, but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed;
 quick - ly sped; he ris - es glo - rious from the dead;
 wound - ed thee, from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,



the song of tri - umph has be - gun;
 let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst;
 all glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 that we may live, and sing to thee:

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Affirmation of Life

Joseph Martin

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives and now the garden is restored. He lives, my everlasting Lord! When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown. Come, all creation lift your voice. Sing, congregation and rejoice. Christ is Risen Alleluia! Sing, choirs of angels, loud and strong. Let earth as one repeat the song. Christ is risen. Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering for too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Rejoice and sing, alleluia! Rejoice and celebrate life! Rejoice and sing alleluia! Christ, the Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low; Al-le-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Keith Stewart

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 24: 1-12

Rev. Keith Stewart

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

SERMON

He has Risen, He has Risen Indeed!

Rev. Keith Stewart

*HYMN

Thine Be the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en con - quering Son;
2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;
3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
Life is naught with - out thee; aid us fear in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay,
for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain
Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

*DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Keith Stewart

*THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS

G.F. Handel

Please remain standing for the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and of His Christ. And He shall reign forever and ever. King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

Happy Easter!

Whether you are a member of FUMC or visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome to you with the peace of Christ. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.

THE EASTER LILIES on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Easter Sunday and in memory of the lovely and dedicated Ezer “sister”, Betty Thrailkill, from whom they learned so much, by her classmates.

We extend our appreciation for the guest instrumentalists in the service this morning. We are so grateful for their talents and for joining us for this very special occasion.

THANK YOU to the congregation for bringing your Easter flowers, supporting our services with your time, talents, gifts, and for blessing us with your presence each week. Easter joy is made brighter because of every one of you. Happy Easter!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL GET INVOLVED CHALLENGE: Continuing last month's mission goals, we will offer a goal each month for you to reach. The goal for April: At least 20 people sign up for the church Bible Study. There are 12 currently signed up. See the list beside the church office to sign up.

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Keith will be having a Bible Study on the Red Sea Rules starting on Tuesday April 29th at 6:00pm. Join us and take the journey from panic to praise! Books are \$16.77. Please pay for the book on the first night.

THANK YOU!: Thank you to everyone who helped with the Community Lenten Luncheons held at our church. Everything was wonderful especially the Christian Fellowship with our community.

FIREFLIES & YOUTH: April 27th is open for dinner. Contact Lesley Jean Watson if you are interested in providing a meal.

ABBA'S HOUSE: They are asking for gently used spring & summer, adult and children's clothing to be given away on April 21st. The give-away will happen on April 21st. Resurrection Partnership on April 21st. A community meal will be served on the 21st. First Methodist will prepare mashed potatoes. Please contact Zenda Rushing or Gini Eddins.

THE CHURCH HERALD NEWSLETTER: Please don't forget to send any information, photos, updates, etc. to Jackson Stone so it can be included in The Church Herald for May. Information is due by the 28th of April.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: The deadline for bulletin information is Tuesday by 12:00 noon. This may seem early; however, we mail bulletin to our beloved shut-ins and those unable to physically attend our church, so our bulletins must be completed by then. Thank you for understanding and for having your information submitted early. The preferred method of information submissions is to email the church office (fumcadassistant1@gmail.com) or text/email Jackson Stone.

LENTEN PENNIES (PENNIES IN HEAVEN): If you did not bring your Lenten Penny jars to Church today, please turn them into Shelby in the Church office. Thank you for your contributions to the Missions of our Church.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church office will be closed on Monday April 21 in observance of Easter. Normal operating hours will resume Tuesday April 22.

RIDE TEAM: If you are interested to sign up for the ride team of FUMC, please contact the Church office (Shelby Nolan). These people will assist those in need of a ride.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Church Council meets Thursday, May 1 at 6:00pm.

PRAYER LIST

Our Church, Our President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, health care workers, EMT's, firefighters, law enforcement officers, people of all ages with mental illnesses, all who defend our Nation, Shep Straughn, Mary Burr, Emily Marsh, Martha Griggs, Thomas McKinnon, Curtis Jones, Tony Thrailkill, Bobby Spears, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Shannon Johnson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), James Thurman (Angie Smith's Father), Jenny Outen, Michelle Rohde, Betty Yates (Cindy Sanderson's mother), Marilyn Coker (Gloria William's Sister), and Randy Jewart (Sara Jewart's Father).

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Tithe Needed Weekly.....	\$5,928.83.
Contributions Apr 13.....	\$2,691.75.
Sunday School Apr 13.....	35
Worship Apr 13.....	81
Greeter.....	Penny Quick
Liturgist.....	Eric Dusa
Head Usher.....	Norma Cobb
Acolyte.....	Penny Quick
Nursery.....	Choles Reid

GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS

Patrick Mackey.....	Trumpet 1
Brady Moffett.....	Trumpet 2
Ryan Peak.....	Trombone
Trey Hogan.....	Bass Trombone

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