



# Christ Is Rising!



May 8, 2022—10:30 AM  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Beverly Mate;  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho; Worship Production: Norris Clark.

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**WORSHIP PREVIEW**

*Happy Mother's Day!*



**H**onoring motherhood has a long history. Our Mother's Day tradition in the United States comes to us from Anna Jarvis. She worked

tirelessly honoring a mother's sacrifice in caring for children following her mother's death on the second Sunday of May in 1905. In 1908, thousands of people attended a Mother's Day event financed by Philadelphia department store owner and Presbyterian John Wanamaker at one of his retail stores in Philadelphia. It didn't take long for Mother's Day celebrations to become a commercial success when florists,

greeting card manufacturers, and retail stores joined in its promotion. Churches connected with the energy, too, and a national tradition was born!

God knows our hearts and our heartaches this Mother's Day. As others rightfully celebrate the joy and love of the mothers in their lives, this day, for some of us, is a sad reminder of a mother's absence in our lives. We are mindful of children and families without mothers who have passed, especially those suffering in Ukraine.

If we buy flowers today, it may only be to place them by a graveside. If we buy a card today, it could only be in hopes of connecting perhaps for the first time and getting to know our mothers one day. Some miss our mom's hugs prevented by travel and health restrictions, something Facebook or FaceTime connections can't replace. Others grieve strained relationships. Many will light a candle in honor of a mother who is not locally present or passed, long ago or more recently. For some, this Mother's Day will be joyful. Others are tearful Or wistful, or it will just be a day that feels empty.

Let's honor mothers of every circumstance and in all places today. Those we are blessed to know, or a mother's role we may fill in another's life. All of us can know God's comfort, like a mother. God's Spirit tenderly and unconditionally loves us where we are. God's motherly love reminds us of the abundance, acceptance, love, care, provision, forgiveness, and hope we have received through Jesus Christ.

“As a mother comforts her child,  
so will I comfort you” (Isaiah 66:13a).

## MESSAGE PREVIEW

Moms know the voice of their children. Neuroscientists point out that a child knows their mother's voice first and favors it above all others, listening to it before a child is born. Sounds call us to attention. Hearing moves us to action. Our brains process sounds non-stop, from threatening to calming sounds. We don't have "earlids." We must discern the sounds and signals we want to receive from distractions and noise. Listening comes first in life, and to live our very best life, we must hone our listening skills to pay attention to who and what matters. Do you hear me?

This week, let's visit a sheep herd with Jesus, who uses sheep as a metaphor for being faithful disciples. In "Our Listening Life," Pastor Kevin's message will offer essential tips for improving our spiritual acoustics because listening is foundational to being fully human, and fully Christ's.

## MUSIC PREVIEW

We will enjoy a special Mother's Day tribute from Beverly Mate, who will sing *God of the Women*. Following the message, we will sing *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*, written in 1958 by Daniel Rodney Bechtel, a minister of the United Church of Christ. This text was inspired by how the prophet Hosea describes the parental nature of God's relationship with Israel (Hosea 11:1-19). The last stanza echoes Christ's teachings about the love of neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40/Mark 12:29-31) and care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31-46).

Our sending music video is *Speak O Savior I Am Listening* from Koine Ministries. Anna Sophia (1638-1683) wrote this hymn as a leader in the Lutheran Church in Germany.

**GREETING OF WORSHIPPERS:** PASTOR KEVIN (10:24)

**MOTHER'S DAY COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP** (10:25)

**PRELUDE:** JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

**WELCOME:** PASTOR KEVIN (10:30)

**MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE VIDEO**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY):** BEVERLY MATE (10:32)

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

God has called us to this place.

What do you seek?

**We seek to listen to God's voice.**

God has brought us to this place.  
What do you need?

**We need this community of faith where  
we receive spiritual nourishment.**

God has welcomed us to this place.  
Hallelujah! Christ is rising!

**Christ is rising, indeed!**

**GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON):**

(1-10:33)

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):**

**Loving God, keep our hearts and minds open  
to the Good News as we learn, grow, and  
serve. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: REVELATION 7:9-17 (MSG)**

After this I looked, and there was a great  
multitude that no one could count, from every  
nation, from all tribes and peoples and  
languages, standing before the throne and  
before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm  
branches in their hands. They cried out in a  
loud voice, saying,  
“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on  
the throne, and to the Lamb!”...  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**MESSAGE FOR KIDS- VIDEO: *WHO DO YOU LISTEN TO?*  
PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

**MUSIC: *GOD OF THE WOMEN* - BEVERLY MATE**

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10:22-30 (NIV) (10:38)**

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

## MESSAGE: *OUR LISTENING LIFE*

JOHN 10:22-30 • REV. DR. KEVIN YOHO



## PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

### MUSIC: *LIKE A MOTHER WHO HAS BORNE US*



1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us close in her de-  
3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our trust in power and  
4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our neigh - bor's hand in



light, fed us free - ly from her bod - y, God has called us in - to life.  
might, left be - hind our broth - ers, sisters, God still calls us in - to life.  
love, tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(10:54)

God loves you and nothing separates you from God's love. In a spirit of gratitude and honesty, let us pray together:

### PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (UNISON)

Jesus is the Way-Maker when we have lost our way.

Jesus is the Chain-Breaker who frees us from what holds us back.

Jesus is the Gift-Giver for a hope-filled future. Thank you, God, for forgiving our sins and anything that holds us back as we become reconciled to the rising Christ. Amen.

### SILENT REFLECTION

### HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, God loves and forgives us to live a life of faith and justice. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

### THE GLORIA

(3) (10:56)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

(10:57)

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Your gift may be placed in the donation boxes at both doors, mailed to the office, or given online anytime. Thank you!

## PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

### THE DOXOLOGY

(5) (10:58)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below; praise  
God above the heavenly host, praise Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## FLOWERS DEDICATION

Given to the glory of God by Dale and Jonna Myers in honor of Dale's birthday and to honor all of the Ukrainian mothers.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy birthday to David Word (5/9) and Dale Myers (5/12).

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(10:58)

The Matthew's family who suffered a car accident. (Cousins of Elaine Jordan). Sandy Montañó suffered heart attack. Physical healing and spiritual comfort for father Johnny Matthews who lost his daughter Carrie. Harry (heart condition) and his wife Sharon (terminally ill with cancer). The family of Betty Miller who

passed on April 25. Rev. Wendy Boer, recovering from a stroke. Verna Shifflett, Crystal Vines, Susan, Vinny, Joanne, Ed, Dorothy, Eileen, Reese, and Robert. Patti. Damien.

We pray for those seeking shelter, food, employment, healing, and wholeness in mind, body, and spirit. We pray for the people of Ukraine and those who work for peace. We pray for those suffering from Covid-19 and other illnesses, and those who serve in healthcare, emergency response, law enforcement, education, business, government, and the military.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

(11:03)

**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.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

#### **FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY**

(11:24)

Once we were strangers,

Now we are neighbors.  
Once we were strangers,  
Now we are friends.

## MUSIC VIDEO: *SPEAK O SAVIOR; I AM LISTENING*

1 Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning,  
As a servant to his lord.  
Let me show respect and honor  
To your holy, precious Word,  
That each day, my whole life through,  
I may serve and follow you.  
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure  
And my heart's most precious  
treasure.

2 Oh, what blessing to be near you  
And to listen to your voice!  
Let me ever love and fear you;  
Let your Word still be my choice.  
Many hardened sinners, Lord,  
Flee in terror at your Word,  
But to all who feel sin's burden  
You give peace and words of pardon.

3 Lord, your words are waters living  
Where I quench my thirsty needs.  
Lord, your words are bread life-  
giving;  
On your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, your words will be my light  
Through death's cold and dreary  
night;  
Yes, they are my sword prevailing  
And my cup of joy unailing.

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;  
Let your words in me take root.  
May your Spirit e'er be near me  
That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing your praise,  
From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given  
In the endless joy of heaven.

**BENEDICTION:** PASTOR KEVIN

**POSTLUDE:** JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:27)

Go in peace to serve! See you next week!  
Christ is *still* Rising!

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1. *God Welcomes All* CCLI Song #5495557
2. *God of the Women*: lyric Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; tune-Irish ballad, harm. David Evans; CCLI #30639
3. *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*: Daniel Bechtel; William C. Rowan.
4. *Gloria* Public Domain

5. *Doxology CCLI #4255578*
6. *Speak O Savior, I am Listening;*  
*text:Anna Sofia of Hesse-Darmstadt;*  
*tune-Johann Schop, Arr. Koine Music.*