



Sunday March 31, 2024  
Easter Sunday

“RESURRECTION LIFE”

# Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation.

Our worship is “liturgical.” The Greek word “leitourgia” means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God’s call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our website [resurrectionphl.org](http://resurrectionphl.org) for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff  
Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

## Sunday Information

- **Nursery + Children’s Ministry:** Check-in available at both 17th and Sansom Street entrances.
  - Nursery for children 6-30 months: Available for the duration of the service.
  - Sunday School for ages 30 months through 5th grade: Children are dismissed to class just before the sermon; K-5th graders return in time for communion.
  - For nursing mothers seeking privacy, there’s a room behind the SE exit from the Sanctuary where the service can be watched.
- **Accessibility:** A street level entrance is available on Sansom Street, and an elevator providing access to all other levels can be accessed there. Assistive listening devices are available; to request one, please see one of the greeters.
- **Restrooms:** Men’s and Women’s restrooms are on the lower level; two single-user restrooms open to anyone are available on the 2nd floor.
- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, located in the Community room, behind the front of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
- **Parking/Transportation:** Free parking for worship is available at the Liberty Place Garage. Get a timed ticket when you enter the garage, and a chaser ticket (validation ticket) at church. Limited bike and stroller parking at the Sansom lobby, as well as single journey SEPTA passes.

## Reflection

Christian faith isn't a general religious awareness. Nor is it the ability to believe several unlikely propositions. It is certainly not a kind of gullibility which would put us out of touch with any genuine reality. It is the faith which hears the story of Jesus, including the announcement that he is the world's true Lord, and responds from the heart with a surge of grateful love that says: "Yes. Jesus is Lord. He died for my sins. God raised him from the dead. This is the center of everything."

-N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian*

## Church Calendar

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

**EASTER**

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means "fiftieth"). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the absolute wonder of God's purposeful plan of salvation.

(*Seeking God's Face* by Philip Reinders)

# Welcome

## Opening Song

### *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Charles Wesley, Lyra Davidica



1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glor - ious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an - gels say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Foll'w ing our ex al - ted head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your voice and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids his rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Once he died, our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened pa - ra - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where thy vic - tor - y, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hail, the Re - sur - rec - tion, thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Opening of Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all.

**All And also with you.**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

**All because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world!**

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you!

**All I will praise your name, my God!**

You have done wonderful things,  
**plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

You have been a refuge to the poor,  
**a refuge to the needy in their distress.**

On this mountain the Lord will make a feast for all:  
**a feast of rich food, of well-aged wines.**

And he will destroy a shroud on this mountain,  
**the shroud that is cast over all peoples,**  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
**he will swallow up death forever!**

Then the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
**he will take away the disgrace of his people  
from the earth.**

It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God!"  
**"We have waited for him, so that he might save us."**

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
**let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!**

*from Isaiah 25*

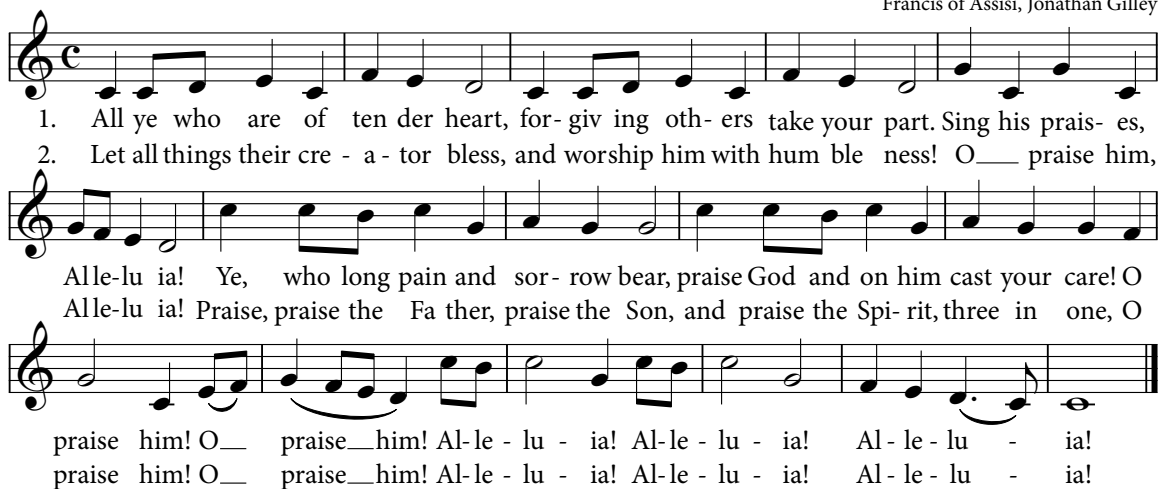
*GOD SUMMONS US  
AS HIS PEOPLE*

*As we meet together  
each week, we  
recognize in the  
preparation that God,  
through his word and  
Spirit, gathers us into  
his presence and calls  
us into his life and  
mission.*

## Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

# Doxology

Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



1. All ye who are of ten der heart, for- giv ing oth- ers take your part. Sing his prais- es,  
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and worship him with hum ble ness! O\_\_ praise him,  
Alle-lu ia! Ye, who long pain and sor- row bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O  
Alle-lu ia! Praise, praise the Fa ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi- rit, three in one, O  
praise him! O\_\_ praise\_\_him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him! O\_\_ praise\_\_him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

*Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.*

## Confession of Sin

- All** Lord Jesus, you were dead but now you are alive:  
transform the torments of this world's sin  
that we may see your radiant glory.  
You were raised from death to life:  
may the power of your resurrection live in us,  
that we may be channels of your true life  
beyond measure.  
To you, Jesus,  
who have broken free from the bonds of death,  
be honor and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.
- All** Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.

*Silence is kept.*

# Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from your hearts and minds,  
forgive you your sins,  
grant you the joy of his kingdom,  
and raise you to new and everlasting life.

**All Amen.**

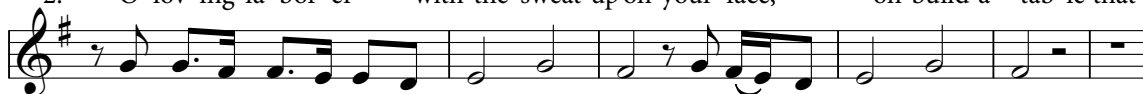
## Song of Praise and Adoration

### *Wood and Nails*

Keith Watts, Isaac Wardell, Madison Cunningham



1. O hum ble car pen ter, down on your hands and\_ knees, look on your handiwork  
2. O lov-ing la-bor-er with the sweat up on your face, oh build a tab-le that



and build a house so you may dwell in me, so you\_ may dwell in me.  
I too may join you in the Fath - er's place, oh in\_ the Fath - er's place!



(1,2) The work was done\_ with noth ing but\_ wood and\_ nails  
The kingdom's come\_ and built up- on\_ wood and\_ nails  
The dead will rise\_ and give you praise:\_ wood and\_ nails  
The curse is done,\_ the bat-tle won,\_ swords bent\_ down



\_ in your scar borne hands.\_ O show me how\_ to work and praise\_  
\_ gripped with joy ful- ness,\_ so send me out\_ with - in your ways,\_  
\_ will not hold them down!\_ These wood-en tombs,\_ we'll break them soon\_  
\_ in - to plow - shares,\_ your scarborne hands,\_ we'll join with them,\_



\_ trust - ing\_ that\_ I am your in- stru ment.\_  
\_ know - ing\_ that\_ the task is fin - ished.\_  
\_ and fash ion\_ them\_ in - to flow-er\_ beds.\_  
\_ serv - ing\_ at\_ the tab-le you've pre pared.\_

*Pre-school children are invited to go to their classes at this time. Elementary children through grade 5 are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Song of Response, following the Reflection.*

## Passing of the Peace

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**All And also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## The Word of God

*New Testament reading:* Romans 6:1-14

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



*Gospel reading:* Matthew 28:1-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

*"Resurrection Life"* – Rev. Chris Currie

GOD SPEAKS TO US  
IN HIS WORD

*In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.*

# Offertory

## *Easter Anthem*

text by Edward Young, music by William Billings (1787)

The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

And did He rise? Did He rise?

Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead!

He rose, He burst the bars of death, and triumphed o'er the grave.

Thine's all the glory, ours the boundless bliss.

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When encouraging the early church toward generosity, the Apostle Paul pointed to Jesus' giving of himself:

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

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# The Nicene Creed

*All* We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## Exsultet

*The Exsultet is ancient Christian hymn for Easter, dating back at least to the 7th century. In this version we will begin antiphonally, alternating between the left and right sides of the auditorium.*

*Left:* Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

***Right:* O Universe, dance around God's throne!**

*L:* Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

***R:* Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!**

*L:* Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendor of your creation,

***R:* radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!**

*L:* Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!

***R:* Darkness vanishes forever!**

*L:* Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

***R:* The risen Savior shines upon you!**

***All:* Let all God's people sing and shout for joy!**

*Members of the congregation continue by leading us in this ancient hymn of praise.*

Your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
has saved us by his death, O Father.  
He paid the price of Adam's sin,  
and reconciled us once again to you.

***All* Glory to you forever!**

This day is the Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain,  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

***All* Glory to you forever!**

This is the day when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery  
and leading her safely through the sea.

***All* Glory to you forever!**

This is the day when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
broke the chains of death,  
and rose triumphant from the grave.

**All Glory to you forever!**

This is the day when all who believe in him are freed from sin,  
restored to grace and holiness,  
and share the victory of Christ.

**All Glory to you forever!**

This is the day that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams  
you made even our sin a happy fault.

**All Glory to you forever!**

Crowning glory of all feasts!  
Evil and hatred are put to flight, and sin is washed away,  
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

**All Glory to you forever!**

Feast truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,  
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth,  
and all creation reconciled to you.

**All Glory to you forever!**

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
in the joy of this day, receive our sacrifice of praise,  
your church's solemn offering.

**All Glory to you forever!**

May Christ, that Morning Star,  
who came back from the dead,  
shed his light of peace on all humankind,  
your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**All Glory to you forever!**

GOD STRENGTHENS US  
AT HIS TABLE

*Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

## Communion

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

But we are bound to praise you above all else, for by the mystery of his passion, Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing forever the hymn of your glory:

## Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea-ven and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est!  
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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*The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
forever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*The minister speaks the Words of Institution.*

## Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*We use wine in  
Communion. Non-  
alcoholic white grape  
juice and a gluten-  
free option are also  
available if preferred.  
Please discard your  
Communion cup as  
you leave worship.*

# Communion Song

## *Jesus Lives and So Shall I*

Johann Crüger, Christian Gellert



1. Je - sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - e - ver!
2. Je - sus lives, and reigns su - preme, and, his king - dom still re - main - ing,
3. Je - sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions gi - ving,
4. Je - sus lives, I know full well nought from him my heart can se - ver,
5. Je - sus lives, and death is now but my en - trance in - to glo - ry.



He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to se - ver.  
I shall al - so be with him, e - ver li - ving, e - ver reign - ing.  
I will cleanse my heart and ways, e - ver to his glo - ry li - ving.  
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth for - e - ver.  
Cour - age, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life be - fore thee;



He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
God has pro - mised: be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
Me he rai - ses from the dust. Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
None of all his saints is lost; Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
thou shalt find thy hopes were just; Je - sus is the Christ ian's trust.

## Prayer after Communion

*All* God of Life, you gave up your only-begotten Son  
to death on a cross for our redemption,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
you deliver us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us by this meal to die daily to sin,  
that we may forever live with him in the joy of his risen life.  
Amen.



# Blessing and Sending

## Easter Song

Anne Herring



1. Hear the bells ring-ing, they're sing-ing that you can be born a - gain.\_
2. Hear the bells ring-ing, they're sing-ing that you can be healed right now.\_



Hear the bells ring-ing, they're sing-ing, "Christ is ris-en from the dead."  
Hear the bells ring-ing, they're sing-ing, "Christ, he will re - veal it now."\_



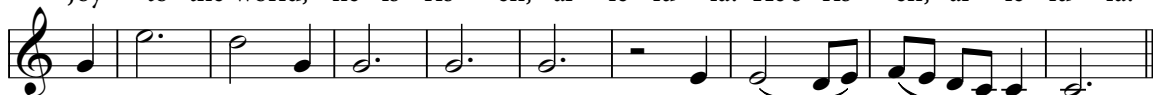
The an - gel up - on the tomb - stone said, "He is ris - en just as he\_ said.  
The an - gels, they all sur-round\_\_ us and they are minister-ing Je - sus's\_\_ power.



Quick ly\_ now, go tell his disci - ples that Je - sus Christ is no long er dead!"  
Quick ly\_ now, reach out and re-ceive\_ it for this could be your glo - ri - ous hour.



Joy to the world, he is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia! He's ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!



He's ris - en, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.\_

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**GOD SENDS US  
INTO THE WORLD**

*We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.*

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

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## Benediction

May God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

## Dismissal

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead  
at work within us,  
let us go in peace to serve the world as those who love our  
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Musicians**

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice  
Sarah Long: voice  
Bethany Danel Brooks: keyboards, voice  
David Danel: violin  
Alec Spiegelman: woodwinds  
Koof Ibi: trumpet  
Madison Rast: bass  
Doug Hirlinger: drums

## **Liturgist**

Cyndi Parker

## **Scripture Reading**

Rachel Allison

## **Celebrant**

Rev. Scott Jennings

## **Bulletin Cover Image**

Caleb Stoltzfus, *Town Center (study)*

## **Sanctuary Installation**

### **Ambitions / Ladders / Abundance**

Wounded Lamb (Center)

Where are my ambitions leading me?

Jacob's Ladder Diptych (Left/Right)

Where does heaven meet earth?

Town Center (Aisle)

Who might be affected if I embraced a spirit of abundance?

Thank you to Resurrection Philadelphia for inviting me to install these works for Holy Week. I find a lot of satisfaction in the intriguing and puzzling textural relationship between cardboard and decaying fresco. This material dialogue became the impetus for my installation.

Caleb Stoltzfus

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# CONNECT

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.

**CONNECTION GROUPS** provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).

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**FAMILY MINISTRIES** come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- **Children's Ministry.** Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, [terri@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:terri@resurrectionphl.org)
- **Resurrection Youth.** Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhart at [paul@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:paul@resurrectionphl.org).

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS** During the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick ([ryan@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:ryan@resurrectionphl.org)) for more information about these events.

# GROW

**Resurrection is a community committed to** growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join “Resurrection Rhythms” to foster spiritual growth through practices [resurrectionphl.org/practices](http://resurrectionphl.org/practices)
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox [resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer](http://resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer) to help you get started.

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# GIVE

**The intentional financial participation** of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | [resurrectionphl.org/give](http://resurrectionphl.org/give)
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

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# SERVE

**We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city.** This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit <https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city>



## Announcements

**Do You Get Resurrection News?** If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of [resurrectionphl.org](http://resurrectionphl.org) or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

**A Conversation with Standing Together: Is there Hope for Peace between Israel and Palestine?** Resurrection Church is invited to join a local synagogue in Center City on April 6 at 1:30 pm as they host a conversation with the inspirational representatives of Standing Together. Sally Abed is a Palestinian Israeli and Alon-Lee is a Jewish Israeli. They represent people who have different stories and yet organize around a shared humanity instead of a political position. Standing Together is a grassroots movement mobilizing Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel in pursuit of peace, equality, and social and climate justice. The event is free but donations are appreciated to help cover the cost of added security. We need to let the synagogue know how many to expect, so sign ups are required. Find the registration page using the QR code to the right or contact Cyndi Parker ([cyndi@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:cyndi@resurrectionphl.org)) with questions or for more information.



**Reading Centering Discipleship? Join Book Discussion on April 7** As Chris shared in his letter at the beginning of the season, we're encouraging people to read Dr. Eun Strawser's book *Centering Discipleship* during Lent. We're hosting a book discussion over lunch after the service on Sunday, April 7. Please sign up under upcoming events so we can count you in the lunch order!

**Easter Sacrificial Offering Wraps Up Soon** Resurrection collects an Easter Sacrificial Offering every year as a special outpouring of love at the end of our Lenten fast. This year our deacons have chosen three recipients for our Easter Sacrificial Offering: Cada Madre Fund, through which Esperanza Health Center serves pregnant women with limited resources, Philly House, which serves men facing food and housing insecurity, and the Ukrainian Crisis Church Fund. We've heard from these organizations at our services over the last few weeks. You can give and see service opportunities shared by the organizations at [resurrectionphl.org/eso](http://resurrectionphl.org/eso).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### April

- 6 : Conversation with Standing Together
- 7 : Centering Discipleship book discussion
- 21: Intro to Resurrection

# Help us welcome you.

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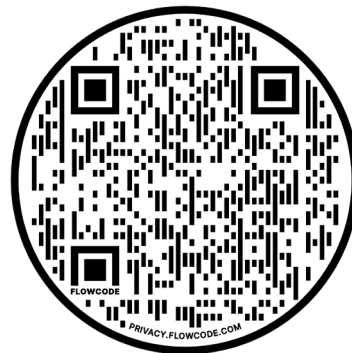
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Please send me:  Weekly Newsletter  Morning & Evening Prayer

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- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## Prayer Requests

*Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.*

*Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.*

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