

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

# Palms Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 1, 2022 • Third Sunday of Easter

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## WE COME TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

*Andante con moto*  
*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Franz Schubert  
arr. Anna Laura Page

### Welcome & Announcements

### Introit

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

Joseph Martin Kraus

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

### Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather to worship as people of Easter—  
**people who know that life is stronger than death.**  
We gather to worship as children of God—  
**children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.**  
We gather to worship as the body of Christ—  
**the church called out for service in the world.**  
Easter people, Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**

### \* Hymn (#233)

*The Day of Resurrection!*

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love: love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. **(A moment for silent confession.)** Amen.

### \* Response (#437)

*You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

\* *Stand if able*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

- \* **Response** (#582)      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*  
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**First Reading**    Jeremiah 29:4-7

**Time for Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Second Reading**    Colossians 1:1-6, 9-14

**Sermon**    "Home Is Where the Heart Is"                          Rev. Bryant Anderson

\* **Hymn** (#19)    *God of Great and God of Small*                          (verses 1-3)

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

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

**Offertory**    *Speak, O Lord*    arr. John Ferguson

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth; plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

\* **Response** (#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**

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

#### **Communion Anthem**

*Here, O My Lord, I See You*

William Schoenfeld

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face, here faith can touch and handle things unseen; here, I will grasp with firmer hand your grace, and all my weariness upon you lean. Here, I will feed upon the bread of life; here, drink with you the royal wine of heaven; here I will lay aside each earthly load, here, taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven. Too soon we rise, the symbols disappear; the feast though not the love, is past and done; gone are the bread and wine, but you are here, nearer than ever still my shield and sun. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to that glad feast above; giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

#### **Prayer of Commitment** (Unison)

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

\* **Hymn** (#295)

*Go to the World!*

(verses 1, 2, 4)

\* **Charge & Benediction**

\* **Postlude**

*Forth in Your Name*

Lani Smith

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God.*

## **Colossians 1:1-6, 9-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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## **Children's Worship Time**

Following the Time for Children at the 11:00 service, all children age five and older are invited to attend Children's Worship Time in Hess Chapel (directly across the garden from the sanctuary). Each week, two volunteers will lead our children in age-appropriate worship and activities designed to help nurture and engage them in discussion related to their faith. Children will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn (or prior to communion). At the 8:30 service (and for families at 11 wishing for their children to remain in worship), worship bags with materials designed to engage children during worship are available in the back of the church.

## **Leading Worship Today**

Bryant Anderson, Ronn Cummings, Cathy Fortson, and Dana Riley

## **Let us know you're here!**

Please take a brief moment to let us know that you have joined us for worship today. Sign the connection pad in the pew or pull out your phone and visit [palmschurch.org](http://palmschurch.org) and click "Worship Attendance." This simple form will help keep our church family connected.

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# 233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

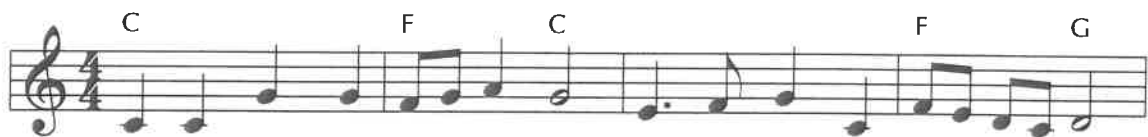
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

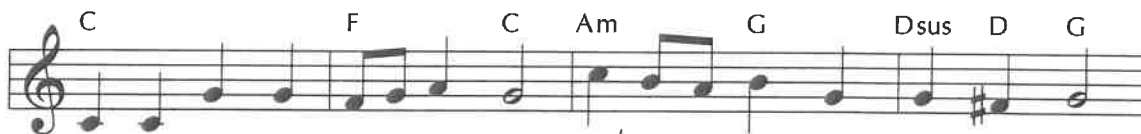
our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

# God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,  
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,  
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,  
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

## Refrain

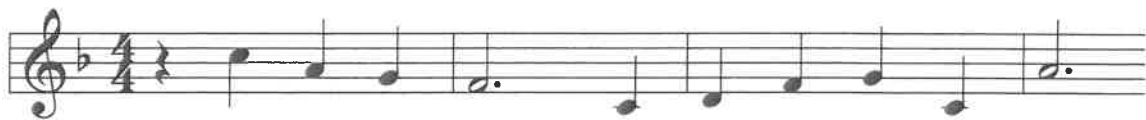


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

## Go to the World!

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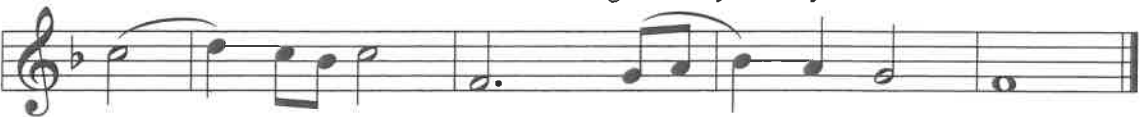
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age ' shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.