

Order of Worship
April 23rd 2023 ~ The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn of Praise

Come As You Are
WS #42

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from
wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let
rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner
come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that
Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that
Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay
down your shame
All who are broken lift up your
face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down
your heart
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come
taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that
Heaven can't cure

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay
down your shame
All who are broken lift up your
face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down
your heart
Come as you are

Bridge

Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O
sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that
Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that
Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay
down your shame
All who are broken lift up your
face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down
your heart
Come as you are

Ending

Come as you are
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Gathering Prayer

Special Music

Romance for Violin and Piano
Amy Beach

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Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

New Living Translation

13 That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. 16 But God kept them from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. 18 Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

19 "What things?" Jesus asked.

"The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. 20 But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. 21 We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

22 "Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. 23 They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! 24 Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."

25 Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. 26 Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" 27 Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, 29 but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. 30 As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. 31 Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

32 They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" 33 And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, 34 who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."

35 Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Asking What If? Sometimes Helpful. Other Times Not so Much.

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

Offertory

Communion

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Closing Hymn

He Lives
RH #368

Verse 1

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today
I know that He is living
Whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy
I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him
He's always near

Chorus

He lives He lives
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with
me
Along life's narrow way
He lives He lives
Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He
lives
He lives within my heart

Verse 2

In all the world around me
I see His loving care
And though my heart grows
weary
I never will despair
I know that He is leading
Through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing
Will come at last

Chorus

He lives He lives
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with
me
Along life's narrow way
He lives He lives
Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He
lives
He lives within my heart

Verse 3

Rejoice rejoice O Christian
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King
The Hope of all who seek Him
The Help of all who find
None other is so loving
So good and kind

Chorus

He lives He lives
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with
me
Along life's narrow way
He lives He lives
Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He
lives
He lives within my heart

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Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

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