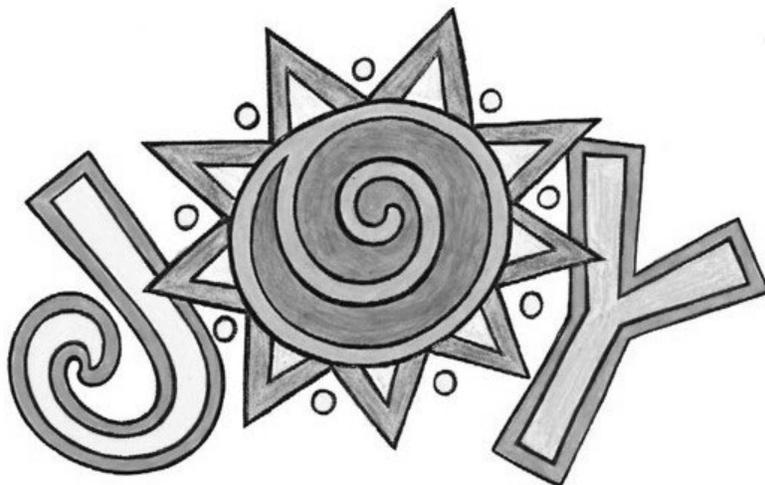


# SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4th Sunday of Easter | May 8, 2022

*(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.  
All speak words in **boldface**.)*

### ❖ **Called by God We Gather** ❖

#### GATHERING MUSIC

*(Gather and greet each other in joy.)*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission: CWS Blanket Sunday

Deb Claxton

#### CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC

*(When the chimes toll, let us silently open our spirit to God's  
presence in our midst.)*

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Robert A. Hobby

*As the Sun Rolls Back Night's Gloom*

UNSER HERRSCHER



As the sun rolls back night's gloom, weep-ing wom - en  
Je - sus greets the ris - ing sun. Shad-ows of the  
Such a dawn has nev - er been since the world's first  
On this glor-ious Eas - ter day, earth is clothed in



reach the tomb, find the rock-bound pris - on o - pen,  
night are gone. Bur - ial cloths no more en - fold him.  
light was seen. Now is born a new cre - a - tion!  
bright ar - ray! Chris - tians, join the whole cre - a - tion



hear the won-drous message spo - ken!  
Death's strong chains no long - er hold him. Let the joy - ous  
Now the\_\_ day of our sal - va - tion!  
with your\_ songs of ju - bi - la - tion!



word be spread: "Christ is ris - en from the dead!"

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## OPENING SENTENCES

It's been four weeks and we can't stop ourselves from saying it again:

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Christ is risen indeed,

turning our mourning into dancing,

appearing here and there, now and then, saying:

**"Fear not,"** and we are comforted,

**"Peace I give you,"** and we are less restless,

**"Go and sin no more,"** and we glimpse a new innocence.

Called to worship our life-giving God,

we are thankful and grateful to answer:

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Let us worship God!**

## \*WE SING OF EASTER

p. 2      *As the Sun Rolls Back Night's Gloom*      UNSER HERRSCHER  
(*Every Sunday is considered a little Easter. Which is why Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent and why we can sing .)*)

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

## \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

. . . Let us pray. God of empty tombs and emptier people:  
when we hesitate to speak of your hope,

**forgive us, and give us a voice.**

When we find it difficult to love one another,

**forgive us, and give us fresh compassion.**

When we want to stand with the high and mighty,

**forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed.**

When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts,  
**forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.**

When we cannot believe your Word of new life,  
**forgive us, and fill us with your joy. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

. . . so we may proclaim the good news  
of mercy and forgiveness for all.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hymn #821      *My Life Flows On*      HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING  
(Soloist sings verse 1, All sing verse 3)

❖ **To Hear God's Word of Grace** ❖

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Promise of Joy*

Joseph M. Martin

Gail Thomas, 8:30AM

Chancel Choir, 11:00AM

*There is a flame in the shadows, there is a song in the night, there is a hope for tomorrow in even death there is life. We know that God is faithful. Our God is worthy of praise. We know his love is eternal. We are his children of grace. Joy comes in the morning. Glory comes with the dawn. Sunrise will find us singing. Tomorrow will bring song. Our night will surrender to gladness. Our fear will surrender to life. Joy comes in the morning, this is the promise of Christ. This is the promise of Christ. There is a rainbow in each teardrop, there is a peace in every storm, there is a stream in the dessert, yes, there is hope in the Lord. We know that love will sustain us. We know in Christ we are found. We rest our faith in this promise, in*

*every cross waits a crown. Joy comes in the morning. Glory comes with the dawn. Sunrise will find us singing. Tomorrow will bring song. Our night will surrender to gladness. Our fear will surrender to life. Joy comes in the morning, this is the promise of Christ. This is the promise of Christ, promise of Christ.*

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SERMON

“Sharing Others’ Joy”

Rev. Laura Viau

## ❖ To Respond in Faith with Gratitude ❖

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

*Hymn #306      Blest Be the Tie That Binds      DENNIS*  
*(Sung seated, a verse at a time throughout the prayer.)*

Lord’s Prayer      hymnal p. 35

\*APOSTLE’S CREED      hymnal p. 35

## ❖ To Depart Blessed to Serve ❖

\*HYMN #727      *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*      THE SERVANT SONG  
*(All sing verses 3-6; Soloist, verse 1; Choir, verse 2)*

\*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING MUSIC



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**Linda Rowell**, Church Treasurer; **Joyce Winkler**, Qualified Ruling Elder;  
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