

The background is an abstract, textured composition of vibrant colors including deep purple, magenta, red, orange, and yellow. The surface has a cracked, aged appearance, with some areas showing a fine, dotted pattern. The overall effect is one of dynamic energy and depth.

**EASTER**

APRIL 9, 2023

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**  
**ALLELUIA**

**CALLED TO RESURRECTION**

**Easter Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 9, 2023**  
(\* indicates the assembly stands)

**Gathering**

Prelude *"Allegro"* J. Althouse

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Acclamation

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

\*Processional Hymn 365 *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

\*Greeting

\*This is the Feast p. 101

\*Prayer of the Day

Children's Time

Anthem *"Rejoice, Rejoice, This Glad Easter Day"* R. Leaf

**Word**

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Anthem *"An Easter Flourish"* Angerman & Paige

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

\*Gospel Acclamation p. 102

\*Gospel Reading Matthew 28:1-10

Homily

\*Hymn 369 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"*

\*Nicene Creed p. 104

\*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

\*Peace

**Meal**

Offering *"Lasst uns erfreuen"* arr. D. Wagner

*Offering Hymn 391	<i>"This Joyful Eastertide"</i>	
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table		p. 108-109
*Lord's Prayer ( <i>"Our Father, who art in heaven..."</i> )		p. 112
Lamb of God		p. 112
Communion Hymns 361, 382, 364		
*Table Blessing		
*Prayer after Communion		
<b>Sending</b>		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 376	<i>"Thine is the Glory"</i>	
*Dismissal	<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>	
Postlude	<i>"The Rejoicing"</i>	G. F. Handel

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**This is the day the Lord has made!** Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

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## **Leading Worship Today**

**Minister:** Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Kuschnereit

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann, Grace Mason Soucie

**Choir:** Julia Crnko, Lana Moses, Erika Sattler, Beverley Roeder, John McLellan, Jim Sattler, John Siebert

**Trumpets:** Paul Mitchell, Brian O'Kane

**Celebration Bells:** Julia Crnko, Anneke Klaver, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Gwenanne Jorgenson, Linda McLellan, Chloe Schmidt, Sam Schmidt, Mary-Ellen Winkler

**Broadcast:** Jason Smolak

**Building Monitor:** Don Robins (519-502-2099)

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## **Rite of Healing/ Anointing/ Laying on of Hands on Sunday April 16th.**

During the worship service on April 16th, an option will be offered for the congregation to participate in a rite of healing and anointing. We intend to offer this option on a monthly basis for the time being.

"The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who would sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing; the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given to us in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world." -excerpt from Evangelical Lutheran Worship p. 276

## Worship Notes

In our prayers John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice, John and Nancy.

## General Announcements

**West Tower Door for Emergency Only.** Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

**St. John's Ambulance CPR Level A & AED Training:** Attention all Ushers and Building Monitors! It's time to renew your St. John's Ambulance CPR Level A and AED certificate?

Arrangements can be made for St. John's Ambulance to come to St. Matthews for a four-hour course on CPR Level A & AED Training. We need a minimum of 10 to a maximum of 18 to attend this class. We have reached out to UNA to see if they have folks who are also interested in taking this course as well.

We are considering May 6th, as a possible date to hold the course. Please let either Ron Roeder or Gwenanne Jorgenson know if you are interested in taking this course and if May 6th is a date that you can attend or provide a few dates that you would be available.

**Fire Exits:** All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

**Church Fire Plan** For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

### **Important Information for today's worship**

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Easter Offering Collected:** The offering plates will be passed this morning through the congregation. The offering plates will be presented to the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex, without handshakes.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**



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