

**April 12 2020 -EASTER SUNDAY Worship @ Home Guide**

**Woodstock Presbyterian Church, 142 E. Court St., Woodstock, VA 22664**

*You are encouraged to use this as a guide for worship at home.*

*A visual version of our worship will broadcast on the church website by Sunday at 9:30am,  
and will premiere at 11:00am on FaceBook, where it will remain.*

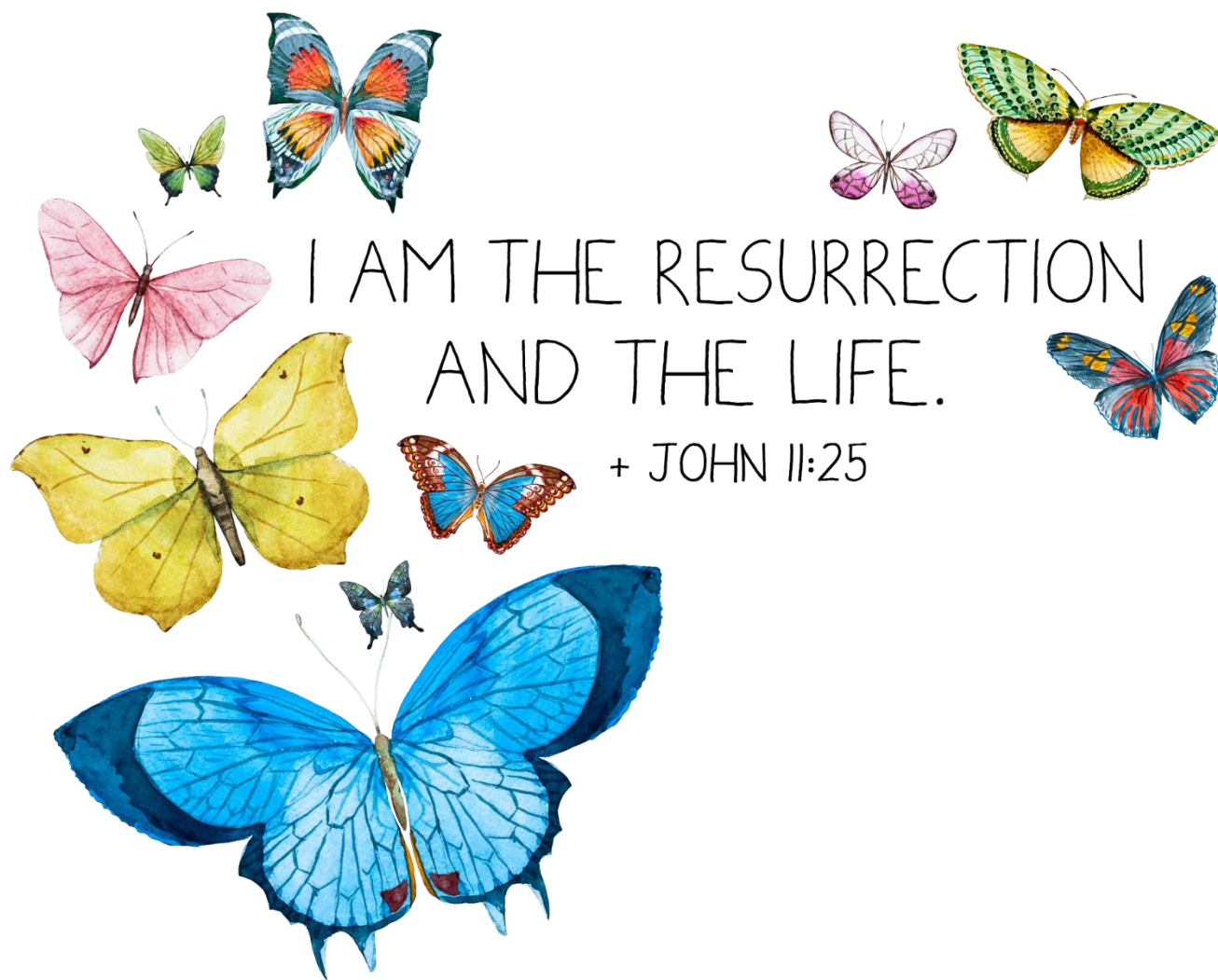
*Join at a time convenient for you. Songs and hymns are included*

*– you are invited to sing, hum, or simply pray over their words.*

*We gather in Spirit with trust in our ever-present God, who conquered death for us. +Pastor Kate*

**PRELUDE**

*Prepare your hearts with music  
Alleluias are especially appropriate!*



I AM THE RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE.

+ JOHN 11:25

## **GREETING**

Early on the first day of the week,  
the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb  
where he had been buried  
only to find that the stone had been rolled away  
and the tomb was empty.

Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples,  
on the first day of the week,  
to celebrate the good news of the gospel:  
Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

*Luke 24:1; John 20:1*

## **+CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of God, we are witnesses to these things:  
                    **that Christ died, hanging on a cross;**  
          **that God raised him from the dead on the third day;**  
**that he is coming again in glory to reign.**

This is the good news we tell to all the world:  
**Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **+Opening Hymn #232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

## 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

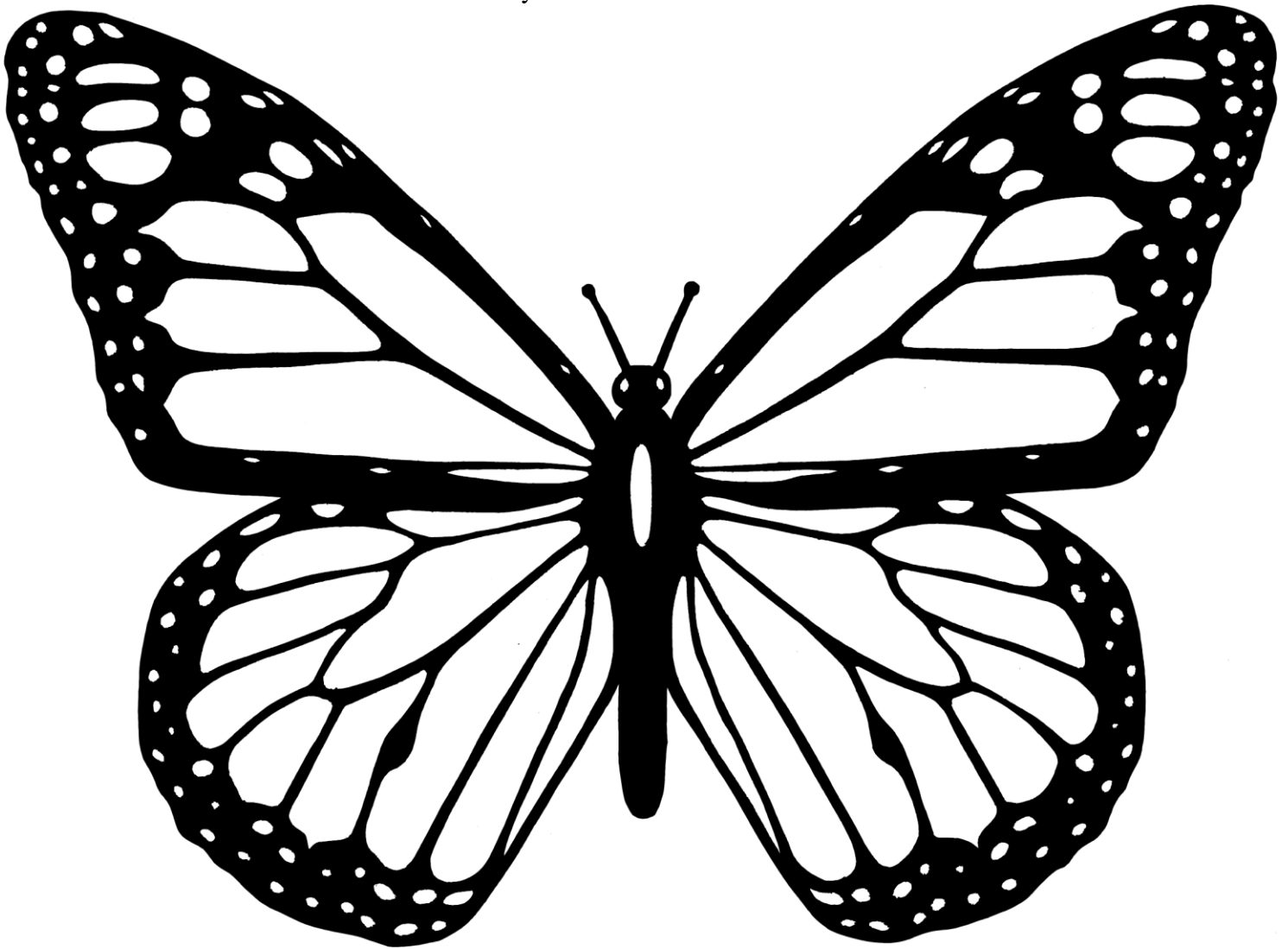
JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Reading      **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- <sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
- <sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”
- <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Butterflies are a sign of new life – what was hidden has been transformed into new life!  
Color this butterfly and remember that Christ is Risen!



**Reading**      **John 20:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my

Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **Sermon**

*What word, image or phrase caught your attention?  
How has the assurance of God’s presence comforted you in troubled times?  
How are you being led by God today?  
What does this word from God prompt you to change?*

## **+Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed**

*Let the faithful stand together to proclaim what we believe:*

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Offering**

*The Church and the world need generosity now more than ever. Out of gratitude for all that we have received,  
let us lend ourselves to the glory of God and the love of neighbor.  
Woodstock Presbyterian Church remains dedicated to supporting our local, national, and worldwide ministries.  
Every prayer and penny count. Checks can be mailed to the church. Please learn more about the important  
work supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing below.*

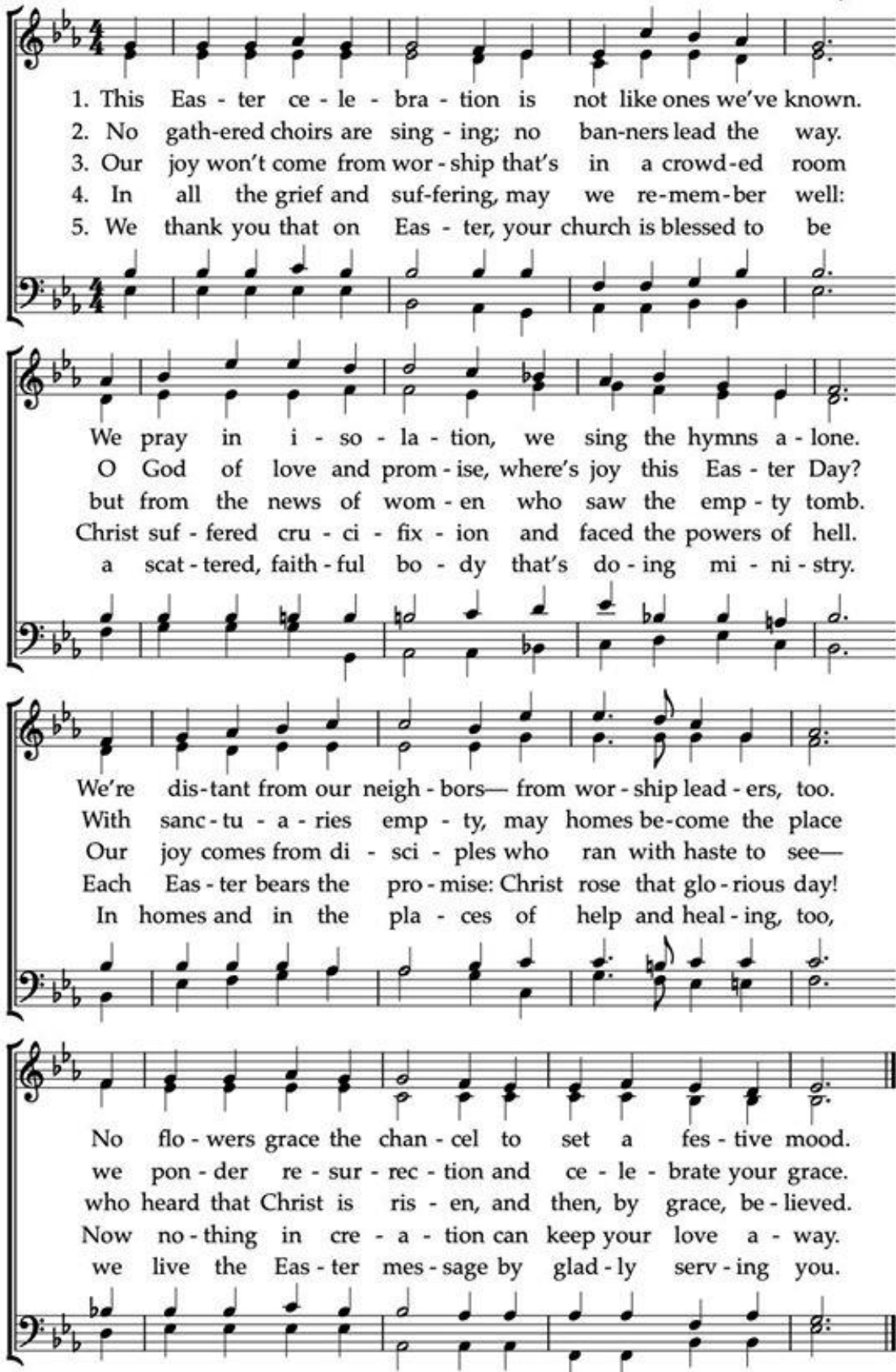
**+Hymn** This Easter Celebration (*tune of The Church’s One Foundation*)

# This Easter Celebration

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864



1. This Eas - ter ce - le - bra - tion is not like ones we've known.  
2. No gath-ered choirs are sing - ing; no ban-ners lead the way.  
3. Our joy won't come from wor - ship that's in a crowd-ed room  
4. In all the grief and suf-fering, may we re-mem-ber well:  
5. We thank you that on Eas - ter, your church is blessed to be

We pray in i - so - la - tion, we sing the hymns a - lone.  
O God of love and prom - ise, where's joy this Eas - ter Day?  
but from the news of wom - en who saw the emp - ty tomb.  
Christ suf - fered cru - ci - fix - ion and faced the powers of hell.  
a scat - tered, faith - ful bo - dy that's do - ing mi - ni - stry.

We're dis-tant from our neigh - bors— from wor - ship lead - ers, too.  
With sanc - tu - a - ries emp - ty, may homes be-come the place  
Our joy comes from di - sci - ples who ran with haste to see—  
Each Eas - ter bears the pro - mise: Christ rose that glo - rious day!  
In homes and in the pla - ces of help and heal - ing, too,

No flo - wers grace the chan - cel to set a fes - tive mood.  
we pon - der re - sur - rec - tion and ce - le - brate your grace.  
who heard that Christ is ris - en, and then, by grace, be - lieved.  
Now no - thing in cre - a - tion can keep your love a - way.  
we live the Eas - ter mes - sage by glad - ly serv - ing you.

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## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

*Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,  
God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.*

For the Church throughout the world,  
that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' resurrection,  
we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness  
in Jesus' name.  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For pastors, teachers, and ministers,  
that they be wise in leadership, humble in service, and fearless  
in the face of evil;  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the governments of the world and its leaders, that they may practice compassion  
and reject the politics that use death and suffering as  
means of control;  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our planet Earth,  
that people may be good stewards of its resources  
and share in its abundance;  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the stranger,  
that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality;  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in distress,  
that they may find healing for their pain  
and be restored to fullness of life;  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our neighbors,  
that together we may dwell in harmony;  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our enemies,  
that we may love them  
and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus;  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God,  
receive these prayers we offer,  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit



use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
In his name we pray. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*We lift our prayers with our siblings in Christ around the globe,  
praying as Christ taught:*

**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;  
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**

**+Hymn 238 Thine is the Glory**

## 238

## Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is  
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment  
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness  
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

## +Charge

Beloved church,  
behold the victory of our God:  
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Sin and death shall reign no more.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Let this place resound with joy.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Thanks be to God.**

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

**February 26–April 12, 2020**

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

#### WAYS TO GIVE —


- ✦ Through your congregation
- ✦ Donate by credit card online at [presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs)
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—or—

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Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

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-  Text SHARING to 56512 to learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, or visit [pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs).



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Where God is, there is hope for the suffering and the vulnerable. Received during the season of Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs:

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