

Order of Service
April 4, 2021

Welcome and Announcements,
Concerns & Celebrations

Warm-Up Song: *The Mary Ellen Carter by Stan Rogers*

Key of G

She went down last October
in a pouring driving rain.
The skipper, he'd been drinking
and the Mate, he felt no pain.
Too close to Three Mile Rock,
and she was dealt her mortal blow,
And the Mary Ellen Carter settled low.
There were just us five aboard her
when she finally was awash.
We'd worked like hell to save her,
all heedless of the cost.
And the groan she gave as she went down,
it caused us to proclaim
That the Mary Ellen Carter would rise again.

Well, the owners wrote her off;
not a nickel would they spend.
"She gave twenty years of service, boys,
then met her sorry end.
But insurance paid the loss to us,
so let her rest below."
Then they laughed at us
and said we had to go.
But we talked of her all winter,
some days around the clock,
She's worth a quarter million,

afloat and at the dock.
And with every jar that hit the bar,
we swore we would remain
And make the Mary Ellen Carter rise again.

*Rise again, rise again,
that her name not be lost
To the knowledge of men.
Those who loved her best
and were with her till the end
Will make the Mary Ellen Carter rise again.*

All spring, now, we've been with her
on a barge lent by a friend.
Three dives a day in hard hat suit
and twice I've had the bends.
Thank God it's only sixty feet
and the currents here are slow
Or I'd never have the strength to go below.
But we've patched her rents, stopped her vents,
dogged hatch and porthole down.
Put cables to her, 'fore and aft
and girded her around.
Tomorrow, noon, we hit the air
and then take up the strain.
And make the Mary Ellen Carter Rise Again.

*Rise again, rise again,
that her name not be lost
To the knowledge of men.
Those who loved her best
and were with her till the end
Will make the Mary Ellen Carter rise again.*

For we couldn't leave her there, you see,
to crumble into scale.
She'd saved our lives so many times,

living through the gale
And the laughing, drunken rats
who left her to a sorry grave
They won't be laughing in another day. . .
And you, to whom adversity has dealt the final blow
With smiling [rascals] lying to you
everywhere you go
Turn to, and put out all your strength
of arm and heart and brain
And like the Mary Ellen Carter, rise again.

*Rise again, rise again –
though your heart it be broken
And life about to end
No matter what you've lost,
be it a home, a love, a friend.
Like the Mary Ellen Carter, rise again.*

Call to Worship

Hymn: Morning has broken, like the first morning

VU 409

Key of G (Chords found in Voices United)

1

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Prayer and confession

Assurance of pardon

The Lord's prayer song

Invitation to the offering

Dedication of the offering

Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today
(VU 155)
Key of C

1

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

2

Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

3

But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

4

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

A time for All God's Children

Children's Hymn: Another Hallelujah
with thanks to the Late Leonard Cohen
Key of C

1.

I Love you Lord with all my heart
You've given me a brand new start
And I just want to sing this song to you
Well it goes like this - the forth, the fifth
the minor fall and the major lift
My heart and soul are praising - Hallelujah!
Hallelujah - Hallelujah - Hallelujah - Hallelujah

2.

Well I know that you're the God above
You're filling me with grace and love
And now I just want to say "Thank you" to you
You've pulled me from the miry clay
You've given me a brand new day
Now all that I can say is hallelujah!
Hallelujah - Hallelujah - Hallelujah - Hallelujah

Scripture: Mark 16: 1-8 (The Message Version)

Our Gospel tells how three women disciples first learn of Jesus' resurrection. Coming to the tomb early in the morning, they are astounded to find its huge stone covering rolled back. A young man, in appearance like an angel, announces to them that Jesus is risen and will go before his disciples to Galilee. The event is awesome, even terrifying. The women flee from the tomb, and, for at least a time, report nothing to anyone because of their fear.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could embalm him. Very early on Sunday morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each other, "Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?"

Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back—it was a huge stone—and walked right in. They saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback, astonished.

He said, "Don't be afraid. I know you're looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He's been raised up; he's here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now—on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You'll see him there, exactly as he said."

They got out as fast as they could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to anyone.

*May God bless to our understanding this reading of Holy Scripture
Amen.*

Gospel Hymn: I danced in the morning
(VU 352)

Key of F (Chords found in Voices United)

1

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. R

3

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. R

4

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. R

5

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. R

Sermon

Pastoral prayer

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace,
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do his will,
working among us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Closing hymn: How great is our God
Key of A

The splendour of a King,
clothed in majesty

Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God
Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God*

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*