

Sunday, March 31, 2024



The Gilford Community Church
The Reverend Michael C. Graham, Pastor
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Gathering Time

As we arrive for worship, let us greet and make new friends, and be alert for guests as we celebrate the fellowship of our faith community.

Time for Prayer and Meditation

The ringing of the church bell and lighting of the candles calls us to sit down and allow ourselves to forget the hurry and worry of the world. Center your heart, mind and soul on God's love for you and all creation.

Ring the Bell and Bringing the Light

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Nathan Shower, Trumpet

***Hymn of Praise**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

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***Call to Worship**

Christ is risen

He is risen indeed!

Easter One...

move among us.

In a world of death...

baffle us with spirited-life.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed!

Prayer of Invitation followed by the Lord's Prayer (debts)

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 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.

Choral Response (Old Hundredth)

**Rejoice in love we know and share,
in love and beauty everywhere;
rejoice in truth that makes us free,
and in the good that yet shall be.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Bella Bryant

Anthem

"Crown Him!"

by Dan Forrest

Performed by the Chancel Choir

Shannon Wright, Flute

Nathan Shower and May Stewart, Trumpet

Chuck Schubert, Baritone

Tyler Nadeau, Tuba

Sunday School Song

"Jesus Was a Cool Dude"

Children's Time

Special Music

Nathan Shower, Trumpet

***Hymn of Preparation**

"The Strife Is O'er"

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Sermon

"Easter – In Your Own Words"

***Hymn of Commitment**

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

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***Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

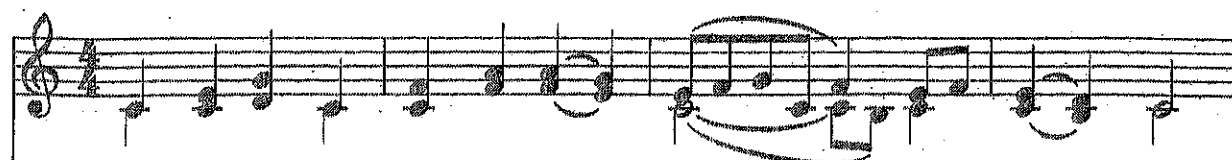
The Gilford Community Church is an inclusive, open community. We embrace believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. We welcome new companions on a journey of faith that often includes laughter, live music and joy. We celebrate both our differences and our shared commitments: to spiritual journey, to supporting each other, and to building community in Gilford, the Lakes Region and beyond.

If you wear hearing aids, please remember to have the TELECOIL option activated for optimal benefit.

Exciting news, we are embracing some new technology and now offer a QR Code for a fast, easy, secure way to make your pledge or donation! Open your camera and hold your device over the QR Code below, so that it is clearly visible within your smartphone's screen. The phone will either automatically scan the code and take you directly to our online platform or on some devices, you may have to touch the link when it appears. Of course, offering plates are in the foyer as well.



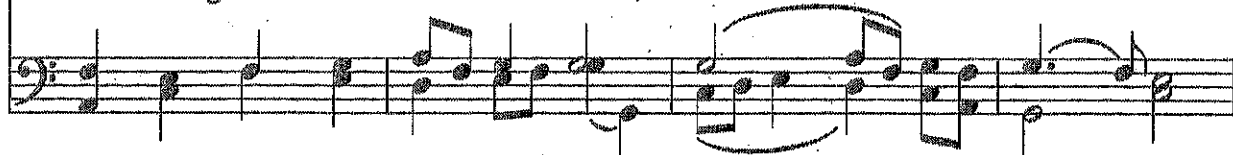
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



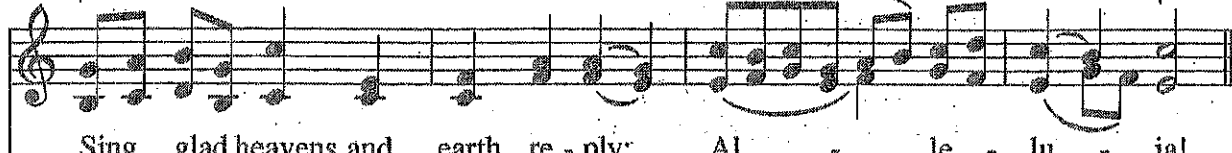
1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



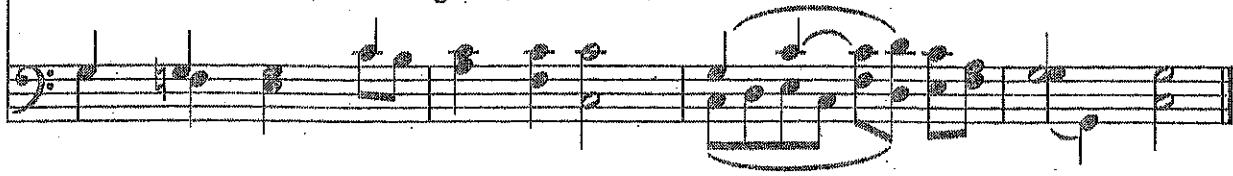
Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!



The Strife Is O'er

Refrain (before st. 1 and after st. 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es
 4 Christ, by your wounds on Cal - va - ry from death's dread

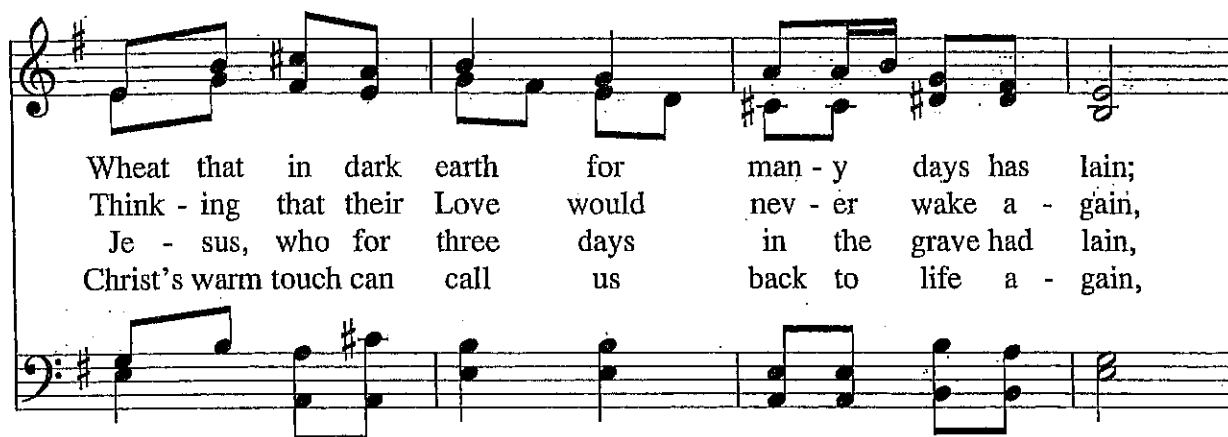
ry of life is won; The song of tri - umph
 le - gions has dis - persed: Let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: All glo - ry to our
 sting your ser - vants free, That we may live e -

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! *to Refrain*

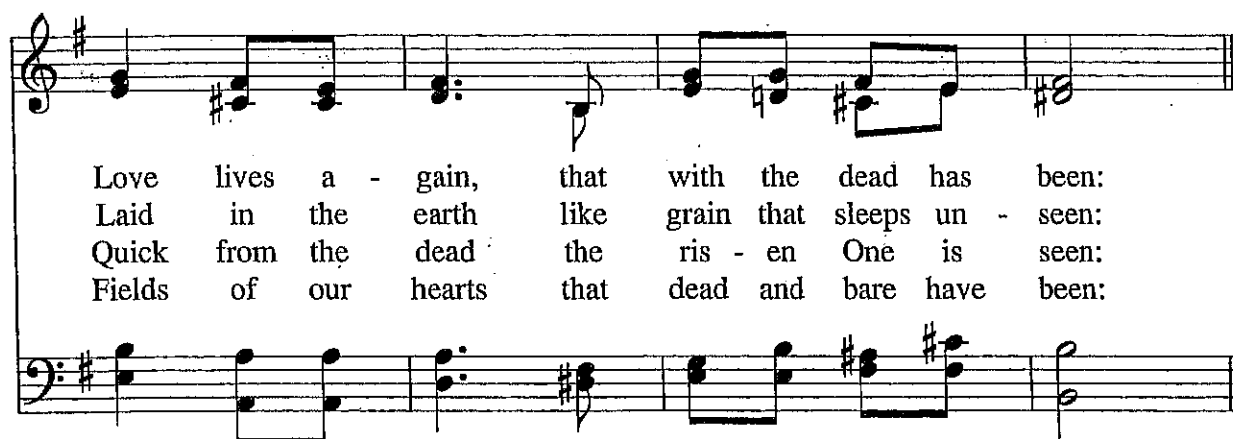
Now the Green Blade Rises



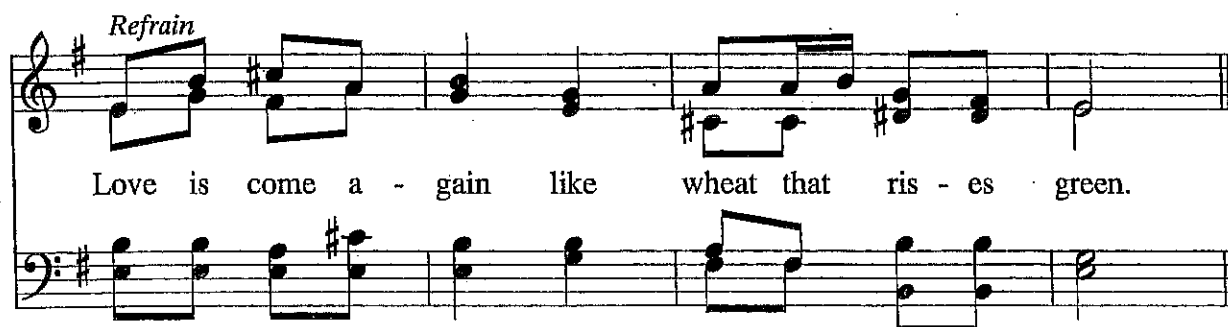
1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;
2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,
3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;
Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Refrain
Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.



The Easter flowers were given...

- ❖ In loving memory of her sister, Carol **Gellert**, given by Ginnie **Helton**.
- ❖ In loving memory of my mother & father, Ada & Corey **McAllister**, given by Jayne **McAllister**.
- ❖ In loving memory of my brother, Dennis **McAllister**, given by Jayne **McAllister**.
- ❖ In loving memory of our parents, Dick & Lee **Burt**, given by Sue, Rick, Kathy and their families.
- ❖ In loving memory of our parents/grandparents, Ruth & William **Lesslie**, given by Chris, Matt & Nick **Resca**.
- ❖ In loving memory of our brother/uncle, Bill **Lesslie**, given by Chris, Matt & Nick **Resca**.
- ❖ In loving memory of CJ **Graham**, given by Katie **Graham**.
- ❖ In loving memory of so many family & dear friends, given by Ginny **Littlefield**.
- ❖ In loving memory of her parents, John & Marcelia **Muehlke**, given by Al & Jane **Rollins**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Carl **Nachbaur**, given by Faye **Nachbaur**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Kevin **Connelly**, given by Faye **Nachbaur**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Sam **Sanborn**, given by Faye **Nachbaur**.
- ❖ In loving memory of our son, Douglas J. **Moyer**, given by Peter & Sue **Allen**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Ann & Paul **Stewart, Sr.**, given by Peter & May **Stewart**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Rev. Irving & Esther **Tang**, given by Peter & May **Stewart**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Margaret **Sullivan**, given by Louise **Osburn**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Arnold & Helen **Sproule**, given by Louise **Osburn**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Elliot **Hastings**, given by Debbie **Hastings** & Fred **Wernig, Jr.**
- ❖ In loving memory of Judi Wernig, given by Debbie **Hastings** & Fred **Wernig, Jr.**
- ❖ In loving memory of Donald **Carey**, given by Barbara **Carey**.
- ❖ In loving memory of family and friends, given by Margret **Eddy**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Marx & Wanda **Carsen**, given by Nancy **Carsen**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Joseph & Isabel **Balabas**, given by Nancy **Carsen**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Roy **Carsen**, given by Nancy **Carsen**.
- ❖ In loving memory of our son, CJ **Graham**, given by Michael & Cindie **Graham**.
- ❖ In loving memory of parents, Phyllis & Clayton **Graham**, given by Michael & Cindie **Graham**.
- ❖ In loving memory of Bob **MacHaffie**, given by the **MacHaffie** Family.

- ❖ To honor the life of Yuni June **Stewart**, given by Peter & May **Stewart**.