

Calvary United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 18, 2021; 10:15 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Dee Freeman

Call To Worship

One: When we are confused

Many: Lord, give us peace.

One: When we are afraid

Many: Lord, give us peace.

One: When we are lost in grief

Many: Lord, give us peace.

All: O God, meet us in this room
And grant us peace!¹

Invocation of the Spirit

Second Testament Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

"When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out..." (NRSV)

Declaration of Praises

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Prayer Time

¹ Safiyah Fosua, The Africana Worship Book for Year B, Discipleship Resources, Valerie Bridgeman Davis, and Safiyah Fosua Eds., 2007, p.60.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 10:38-42

"As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her." (NLT)

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Williams

Time to Pray: Lectio Divina

Closing Hymn

He Lives

Benediction

Postlude

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He Lives

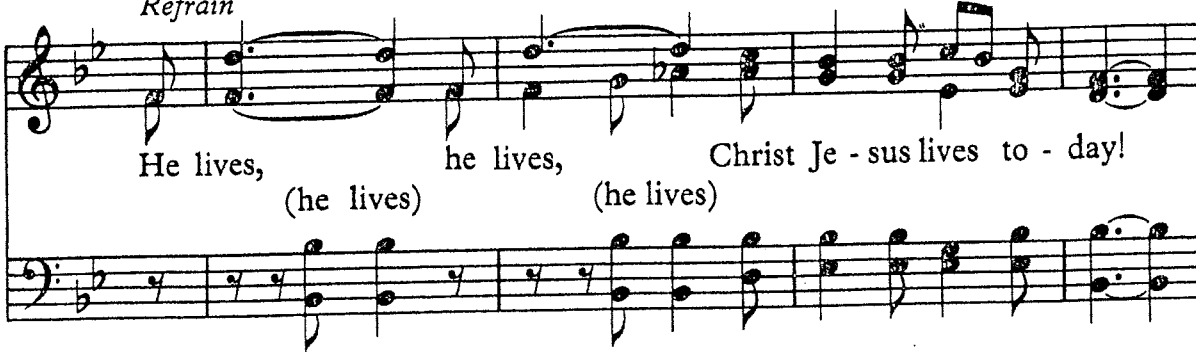
1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3. Re - joice, re-joyce, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say.
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

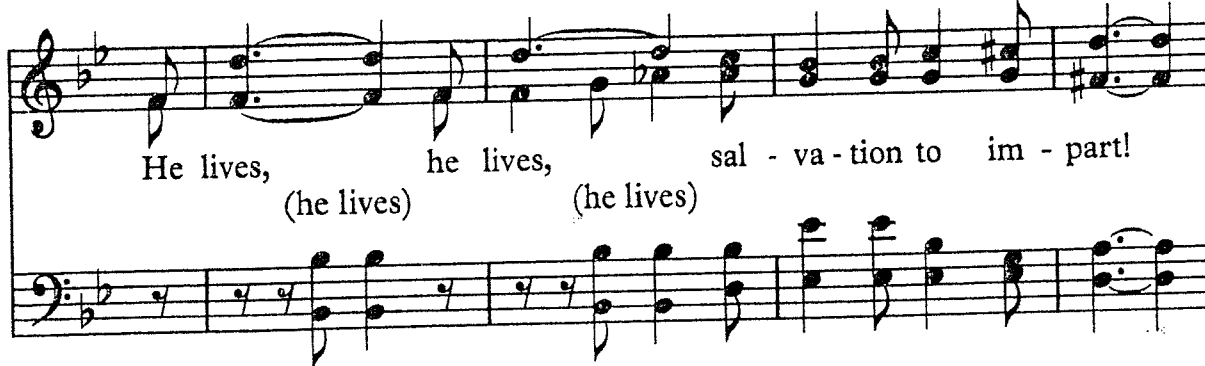
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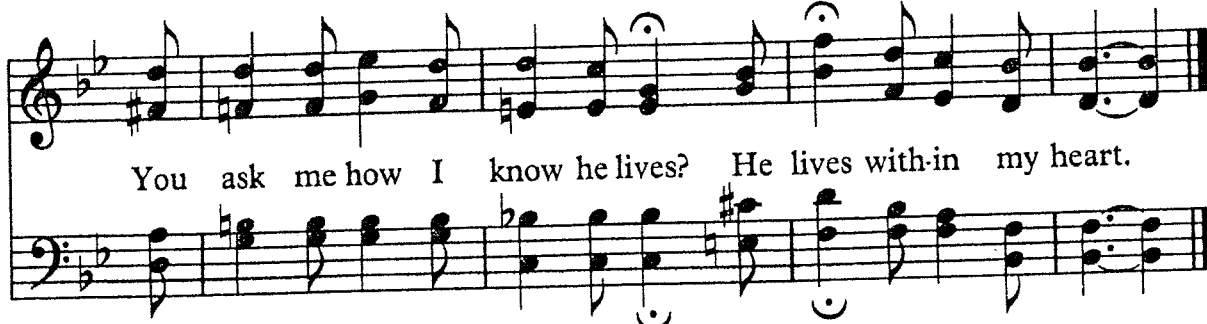
He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Je - sus lives to - day!



He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.



He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) sal - va - tion to im - part!



You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.

Announcements

- Please take the bulletin(s) that you have touched home with you.

- **Prayer Service**

Prayer is a fundamental part of our lives as Christians. Sometimes, we need to create space to make prayer a priority. Join Pastor Matt on Wednesday Nights (beginning April 14) at 6:30 here in the Sanctuary for a time of intentional prayer. The prayer service is planned to last until 7:00pm.

Women's Book Study

Would you like to join a group of women to study the book "Why Easter Matters" written by Andy Stanley (son of Charles Stanley)? In this study, **Andy** looks at some of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading to his crucifixion. It focuses on people we don't hear much about during the Easter season. Each of them had an agenda that put them at odds with God and Jesus....The God Who Can Be Trusted. The Foundation of Our Faith. It will be a 4-week study, approximately one hour each week.

If interested, contact Betsy Wagner at 814-536-0594 or 814-244-2993. Her email is blazerwag@gmail.com. We'll see what hour, day, and location will work for the group to meet.

- **Sunday School**

Two of our adult Sunday school classes have returned to in-person meetings. You are all invited to join one of these groups at 9am on Sundays. The "Seekers" meet in the Fellowship hall downstairs and the L³ Eagles meet in the chapel area upstairs.

There is also a book study at 9am on Sundays. They meet in the CC Classroom. Pastor Matt is leading a study of the book, *Everybody Always* by Bob Goff. Learn what it means to love without inhibition, insecurity or restriction.

