Welcome to worship with the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs!
Like our siblings throughout the world, currently our congregation is gathering virtually with the assistance of electronic technology.
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Gathering Together in God’s Name – Wherever We May Be

Prelude
The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done
Stephanie Coates, piano
arr. by Larry Shackley

Gathering & Greeting
The Rev. Erik P. Khoobyarian

Introit
Gloria Fanfare
Laura Farnell
Mike Lobash, trumpet | Henry Lobash, trombone

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer
Walt Kovalick

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Let us pray:
Glory to you, O God:
you have won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave
and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ:
for us and for our salvation you overcame death
and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:
you lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity,
now and forever. Amen.
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgiveness, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.
1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan.

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught where thy body lay. death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering to thy home above.

Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Proclaiming the Word of God

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Sermon

Choosing Alleluia

The Rev. Erik P. Khoobyarian

Responding to God’s Word

Special Music

King of Kings
Tricia & Jim Koning

Jason Ingram, Brooke Ligertwood, & Scott Ligertwood

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
‘Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who’d come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me, ohh

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Easter Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

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Go in God's Name

Sending Hymn #246

Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is a-live! Let Chris-tians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky, Let streets and homes with years in Pal-es-tine, but sav-ing, heal-ing;

2 Christ is a-live! No lon-ger bound to dis-tant scorn, or wealth di-vide, Christ suf-fers still, yet

3 In ev-ery in-sult, rift, and war where col-or,

4 Wom-en and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spir-it, hear the call, and find the way, the

5 Christ is a-live, and comes to bring good news to this and ev-ery age, till earth and sky and prais-es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev-er die.

HANK YOu TO Stephanie Coates, Mike Lobash, Henry Lobash, Walt Kovalick, Tricia Koning, and Jim Koning for their leadership in worship today!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Low in the Grave He Lay

arr. by Mark Hayes
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