

Announcement and Concerns of the Church

Prayer List: Mary Black, Darren Engle (Keith McMurry's son-in-law), Martha Etzler Cam, Nathalie Givens, Mike Goad, Brad Hall (friend of Verna & Ed Shuey), Peggy Hughes, Elaine Kravnick, Laura Holt McCann, Patricia Mae Nicely (first cousin of Hi Nicely), Meg and Bob Omer, Doug Paysour, Mary Lee Reese, Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys)



- ◆ **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery for the recovery effort after the **02/06 earthquake in Syria and Turkey**. Please send all donations to Presbytery of the Peaks, PO Box 2519, Forest, VA 24551 with the designation DR999999-ST Earthquake.
- ◆ **Today- One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** special This offering is today! Read the insert for information on OGHS. A special offering envelope is also enclosed for you to place this special offering in the offering plate
- ◆ On the evening of April 12 at the historic Grandin Theatre, Second Presbyterian Church will host a screening of "At the River," a feature length documentary about young Presbyterian ministers of the deep south in the 50's and 60's who were brave and bold enough to speak out for Civil Rights, bringing condemnation within the church, threats to their lives, and at the cost of some of their jobs. "At the River" chronicles these ministers' lives and decisions. Joining us for the screening are Director, Carolyn Crowder, and Producer, Rod Murphy, Jr. General Admission - \$7.39. **Purchase Tickets Online:** <https://grandintheatre.com/shows/river>
- ◆ Don't forget to mark your calendar, on Saturday, April 15, for the **Men's Breakfast and Fellowship** at Maw and Paw's Restaurant in Eagle Rock—9:00 AM.
- ◆ **Shared Recipes**—If you are willing to share some of your favorite recipes, please email them to Patsy at psdicke@yahoo.com or leave a hard copy in a box labeled Recipes in the kitchen at the church. Patsy will start attaching one per month to the newsletter!



Copyright: All rights reserved. Reprinted/Recorded with permission under One License #A- 73950 The Worshiping Church Hymnal: 1990 Hope Publishing Co. Carol Stream, IL Service Music, # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology. Hymns: #234 "I Christ the Lord is Risen Today"; #239 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"; #248 "He Lives!"; #739 "Pass it On"; Service Music: "All the Glory Belongs to Jesus/Because He Lives" Arr. Fred bock ; "Christ Arose" Robert Lowry; "Now the Green Blade Riseth" J. Crum; "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place" Lanny Wolfe; "He is Exalted" Arr. Mark Hayes

Service for the Lord's Day

The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Processional
Because He Lives"

"All the Glory Belongs to Jesus /
Arr. Fred Bock

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (1 Peter 1:3-5)

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his mercy he has given us a new birth into a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead.

Many: and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,
and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

All: who are being protected by the power of God through
faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last
time."

One Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #234 *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*
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Call to Confession:

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sin-
ners Christ died for us

Many: Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to
approach God.

All: Let us ask God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Mighty God,

By your power in Christ raised from death to rule this world
with love, we confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into
doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude
is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us
free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives,
and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your prom-
ised kingdom comes.

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have
mercy upon us. 823

Assurance of Pardon: (Unison)

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who
died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for in him our sins
are forgiven. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives,
we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present or yet to
come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

Gloria Patri: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.** #805
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Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Christ Arose"

Robert Lowry

Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son
and Holy Ghost. Amen** #808

Prayer of Dedication

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Special Music

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

Back Street Ringers

J. Crum

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible page 531) Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Hymn: #239 *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pages 865) Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: "In Response to Easter, God Calls us:
'Come and See; Then Go and Tell!'"

Moment for Meditation *"Surely The Presence of the Lord is in This Place"*
Lanny Wolfe

Profession of Faith: #14 Apostle's Creed

Hymn: #248 *He Lives!*

Closing Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response #739

Pass it On (Refrain)

"I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on!"

Postlude:

"He is Exalted"

Arr. Mark Hayes

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Calendar of Events:

**Planned Office hours for week 04/09/23: Monday 9:00 –2:00,
Wednesday 9:00-2:00 , Friday 9:00 to 3:00**

Sunday, April 9 **Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday**
Sunrise Service with FUMC at Godwin Cemetery, 7am.
Breakfast at FUMC Family Life Center following Sunrise Serv.
Worship Service—10:30 am
Duty Elders: Jim Porter and Fred Coots

April 10 –16 David on Study leave

Saturday, April 15 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship, Maw and Paw's Restaurant
in Eagle Rock—9:00 AM

Sunday, April 16 **2nd Sunday of Easter**
Sunday School—not meeting today
Worship Service—10:30 am
Duty Elders: Bo Trumbo and John Kilby
Fellowship: Lynne Bolton

Tuesday, April 18 Holocaust Remembrance Day

Friday, April 21 **Happy Birthday, Craig Leisure!**

Saturday, April 22 Earth Day
Happy Birthday, Marilyn Tombin

Sunday, April 23 **3rd Sunday of Easter**
Sunday School—9:30 am
Worship Service—10:30 am
Duty Elders: Lyn Burton and _____
Fellowship: Patsy Dickerson

Tuesday, April 25 **Happy Birthday, Debbie Coots**

Thursday, April 27 Session Meeting 7:00pm



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Anyone who has something to contribute

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Mission Statement:

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in God through up-
lifting and inspiring spiritual experiences, and serving the community in
love.

Now the Green Blade Riseth

**As the handbell choir plays, take a moment to reflect on these words about the resurrection of Jesus, "Love is come again",
Christ is Risen, Indeed!**

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth He sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**



The Story behind: Now the Green Blade Riseth

John MacLeod Campbell Crum wrote this text to be paired with the popular French carol melody NOËL NOUVELET, sometimes referred to by the name FRENCH CAROL. During his life, Crum was highly active in the Church of England. While serving the church, Crum worked in a variety of theological areas and wrote on biblical and architectural topics, as well as studying historical works, writing children's books, translating hymns from Latin, to writing his own hymns.

This hymn first appeared in the 1928 edition of the *Oxford Book of Carols*. It was first printed in the United States in the 1966 edition of *The Methodist Hymnal*. This song shows Crum's ability to capture one's imagination, perhaps an extension of his children's writings. For those in the northern hemisphere who live in areas where spring-time usually coincides with Easter, the image of growing plants and vegetation speaks clearly.

The natural imagery of this hymn provides insight into his writing style and the images of the natural world found in "Now the Green Blade Rseth." The vivid imagery of the hymn is based on John 12:23-24, 1 Corinthians 15:37-38 and John 3:16

Information from: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-now-the-green-blade-riseth#>

Psalm 118:1-2 and 14-24

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures for ever."

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Hark, glad songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank thee that thou hast answered me
and hast become my salvation.

²² The stone which the builders rejected
has become the head of the corner.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day which the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

#245 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Alleluia!

#239 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living Head!

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

3 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

5 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Saviour, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

#248 He Lives!

Refrain:
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along
life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives Within my heart!

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world
today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of
cheer,
And just the time I need him he's always near.
Refrain

2. In all the world around me I see his loving
care,
and though my heart grows weary, I never
will despair;
I know that he is leading through all the
stormy blast,
the day of his appearing will come at last.
Refrain

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your
voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek him, the help of all
who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.
Refrain

#739 Pass it On

"That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on."