



# **NORTHSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA**

***THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER***

*May 8, 2022*

*10:00 am*

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\*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*O Lord our God, we praise you.*

**We cried to you for help and you answered us.**

*You have restored our lives;*

**you have rescued us from the grave.**

HYMN\* *“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”* (248, v. 1-2)

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion, Joy and peace shall never end.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

CONFESSION OF SIN (*Unison*)

**O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. Even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! You alone, O Lord, can save us from death, remake us, and redeem us from our sin. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSE TO PARDON, (251, chorus)

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**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE READING:     *"PSALM 23"*     JACK  
WEBSTER

OFFERING OF MUSIC                     *Ann Marie  
Conner*

SERMON     *"SHEPHERDING THE CHURCH"*     Clark Gaylord

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE\*

**We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.**

HYMN     *"Thine is the Glory"*                     (238 ,v. 1,3)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone  
away, kept the folded grave-clothes where  
thy body lay.**

**(Refrain) Thine is the glory, risen,  
conquering Son; endless is the victory thou  
o'er death hast won.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of  
life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in  
our strife.**

**Make us more than conquerors through thy  
deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above.**

**(Refrain)**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*

CHORAL RESPONSE,\* #243 *(sing Twice) Congregation and Choir*

**Be not afraid; sing out for joy!**

**Christ is risen, alleluia!**

**Be not afraid; sing out for joy!**

**Christ is risen, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE\*