

The logo features a stylized cross with a blue vertical bar and horizontal bars, topped with a golden flame. Red flames are at the base.

# WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF DETROIT



(313)341.2697  
[office@wcodetroit.org](mailto:office@wcodetroit.org)  
[www.wcodetroit.org](http://www.wcodetroit.org)  
17567 Hubbell Ave  
Detroit, MI 48235

Sunday, April 9, 2023  
Resurrection of the Lord

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Trumpet Tune in D

Henry Purcell

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.*

*Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)  
Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)  
Hymns labeled OLOFOB are for your listening pleasure.*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

For God So Loved The World  
Gospel Choir

**Call to Worship**

What are you looking for?

**The light before dawn.**

What are you looking for?

**A reason to hope.**

What are you looking for?

**Joy after grief and flowers after winter.**

What are you looking for?

**We are looking for the Messiah.**

Good news! Come in. Love is alive!

**Surely God is in this place.**

**Gospel Praise**

If God Is Dead (He Lives)

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of Resurrection,**

**We confess, like a dog with a bone, we run aimlessly.**

**We chase our tails, looking for things that provide answers to the suffering of the world, looking for comfort to our longest nights.**

**You meet us in the darkness before dawn, but we mistake you for the gardener.**

**Forgive us for seeking after worldly things.**

**Forgive us for forgetting to seek you.**

**Speak to us. Call us by name, that we might recognize you in our midst.**

**With hope and gratitude, we pray, amen.**

### **Declaration of God's Forgiveness**

Family of faith,

No matter how many times we lose sight of God, God never loses sight of us. We might spend our whole days seeking, but we are always found.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel, the good news proclaimed in resurrection:

**What once was lost is found. We are held in God's loving embrace: forgiven, claimed, and sent to serve. Alleluia! Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")*

**Response AAHH #642**

Halle, Halle, Halle  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3x)  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Gospel Reading**

John 20: 1-10

**Anthem**

Now Glad of Heart Be Everyone  
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

**Second Gospel Reading**

John 20: 11-18

**Message**

Who are you looking for?

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in resurrection-

**mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet,  
like tulips after the snow: real.**

We believe in Easter morning-

**in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.**

We believe in Jesus-

**who calls us by name and asks,**

**"Who are you looking for?"**

So we look-

**for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.**

And as we look, we sing, "Alleluia!"

Amen.

**\*Hymn AAHH #282**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

## Call to Offering

*We are cautious as we gather for worship. We are not currently passing an offering plate. We have placed an offering plate outside the sanctuary where you may place your offerings.*

## Invitation to Offering

## Prayer of Dedication

## Anthem

My Master from A Garden Rose  
Chancel Choir

Eleanor Daley

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,  
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer...**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### **WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Closing Hymn GTG #236**

The Strife is O'ver

**\*Benediction**

## Choral Response

## Postlude

Marche Triomphale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*(The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.)*

### **Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Karen Stunkel, Interim Pastor  
The Rev. TC Anderson, Director of Faith Formation  
Mr. Dalos Grobe, Organist/Choir Director  
Mr. Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director  
Dave Coleman, Trumpeter  
Louise Fisher, Liturgist  
\*Those who are able may stand.

### **Today's Anthem**

Now glad of heart be ev'ry one! The fight is fought, the day is won, The Christ is set upon His throne, Alleluia! Who on the rood (*cross*) was crucified, who rose again, as at this tide, in glory to His Father's side. Alleluia! Who battled death and harrowed hell and led the souls that loved Him well all in the light of lights to dwell. Alleluia! To Him we lift our heart and voice, and in His paradise rejoice with harp and pipe and happy noise. Sing Alleluia! Then rise all Christian folk, with me, and carol forth the One in Three that was and is and is to be, Alleluia! Now glad of heart be ev'ry one! My Master in a garden lay, perfumed with spices rare, for tender hands had laid Him there to rest amid the roses. 'Twas on a cross they laid Him bare, and pierced His hands with nails, that we poor men might live again and be with Him in glory. Alleluia. My Master from a garden rose to go for us to heaven and He will come and take us there, to be with Him forever. Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen

### **Copyright Acknowledgements:**

Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC |  
sanctifiedart.org

Artwork "Rabbouni!" by T. Denise Anderson | A Sanctified Art LLC |  
sanctifiedart.org

**Easter Lilies 2023**

**Bobbi Adams, Carol & Leo Tallieu**

In memory of Ethel & Kim Adams

In memory of Leo & Marie Tallieu

**Merlton & Patricia Brandenburg**

In memory of LeRoy & Jeanette Brandenburg

In memory of Doyle A. Betty

**Dorothy Buchan**

In memory of May & Alexander Buchan

**Patricia Palmer Dyles**

In honor of daughter Kierston, granddaughters Trishton & Kierann & all six great-grandchildren

In memory of Roosevelt & Almeta Palmer

**Brenda L. Fields**

In memory of Orange H. Fields, Jordan John Fields, Georgia Thompson & Catherine Esannason

**George & Kristen Getschman**

In memory of George & Ann Getschman

**Irene Gough**

In memory of my mother, Lois Riches, my grandmother Myra Woodhull & my aunt Olive Manuel

**Sandra Gray and family**

In memory of Earl N. Gray, Bernyce M. McClarty, Fiercie E. Gray, other dearly loved relatives and friends

**Dalos Grobe**

In memory of Dalos H. & Violette W. Grobe

**Lillie Hall**

In memory of Douglas Hall & Syrean Stone

**Dolly Johnson**

In memory of my husband Bill Johnson

**Bennie Latimer**

In memory of Vivian O. Phillips

**Roz McCreery**

In memory of Paul & Violet McCreery & Julie Lynelle McCreery-Moon

**Eddie & Cynthia Norris**

In honor of our grandson, Cayden Chapman (High School Graduate)  
In memory of Paul & Willie Mae Norris, James Henry Norris, James &  
Rodgerine Cistrunk, James Bernard Cistrunk, Jacqueline Cistrunk-Barnes,  
Lawrence Wade, Shirley Ludke, Catherine Esannason, Rosemary White  
Wiggins

**Dr. & Mrs. Francis & Keziah Okoro**

In memory of loved ones, Noela Chichi Nwanyanwu, Pa Joseph Nwanyanwu  
Okoro, Ma Susannah Nwanyanwu Okoro, Pa Israel Iheonwe, Ma Charity  
Iheonwe

**Diane H. Phillips**

In honor of Natalie M. Witmer & Doris Kowalski  
In memory of H. Richard Phillips, Paul Phillips, Peter Phillips, Dan Kowalski Jr.,  
Dorothy Childers, Marcia (Phillips) Maxwell, Don Maxwell, Keith Witmer,  
Sharon DeWolfe, Ray Pace

**Glenn Sims & Denita Banks-Sims**

In honor of our families  
In memory of Shari Banks-Gladney



**Louise Varley**

In honor of Lynn Varley & Don Varley

In memory of Melissa Varley, Frank & Irene Mann, Donald Varley

**Joanne White**

In memory of Silas & Caroline Irving White, Rosemary White Wiggins, Loretta Eva White Jones, Thomas & Eva Hall White, Thomas Malcolm & Rose Marie Alexander White, Lula Hall Solomon, George & Laura Milton, James & Gladys Boyd Alexander, (William) Bill Johnson, William & Marie Iverson

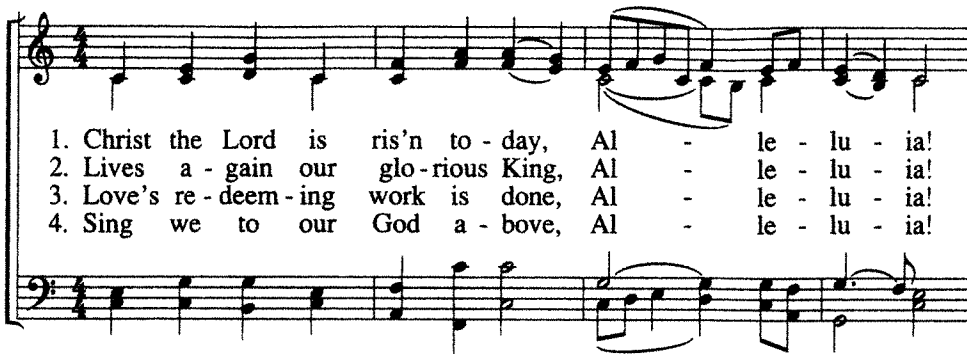
**Cromwell & Tema Zama**

In honor of Tema Pefok Zama's birthday & the children, Billa, Chi & Angel

In memory of Ma'aa Getrude Pefok, BaJomia Pefok & Mama Lucy Zama

## 282 CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

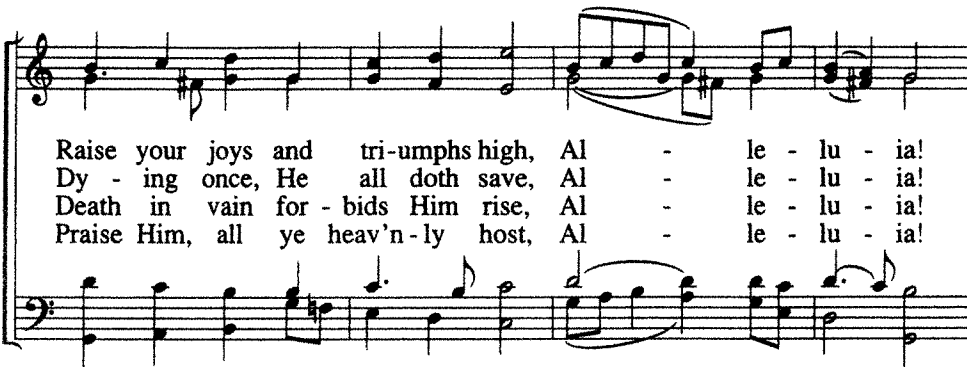
*He has been raised from the dead, and indeed He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him.  
Matthew 28:7*



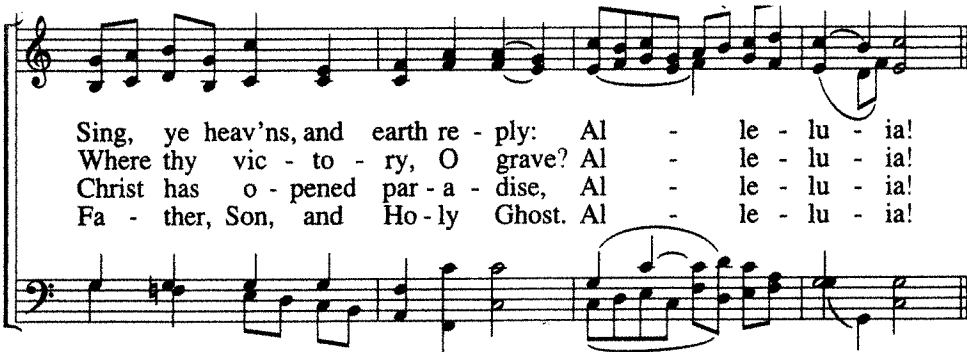
1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Dy - ing once, He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

# The Strife Is O'er

236

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 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 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly  
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.  
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ris - en Head!  
 sing to thee: