

**Celebration of Worship
Arvada Presbyterian Church
April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday**

God's People Gather

Flowering of the Cross

Prelude

Hymn *Were You There* (1, 5)

The Heart of the Matter Elder Starr Hildebrand
from Matthew 28: 1-10

Sung *Were You There* (additional verse)

**Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Sometimes I feel like shouting, "Glory, Glory, Glory!"
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?**

One Christ is Risen!

Many **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Introit *Let us Make A Joyful Noise* -Douglas E. Wagner

***Hymn of Praise** *Hail Thee, Festival Day!*

One Christ is Risen!

Many **Christ is Risen indeed!**

One Christ is Risen!

Many **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Welcome Elder Ruth Curtin

We'd like to thank our instrumentalists today:

Derek Banach, trumpet

Jim Calm, tuba

Helene McGuire, organ

Paul Nicholas, tuba

Sarah Pieplow, piano

Pastor Bill Sanders, euphonium

CCLI #1708350

GG – Glory to God Hymnal

PH – Presbyterian Hymnal

LUYH – Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal

SP&P—Sing! Prayer and Praise

STF –Sing the Faith Hymnal

W & S –Worship & Song Hymnal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison) Elder Starr Hildebrand
Lord Jesus, here we are, Your disciples, those who seek to follow in Your paths, and those who need to meet You in the midst of fear, and needing You in our confusion, and anguish. Travel the distance we have traveled from You, and dispel our anxieties – about ourselves, our past, our faith. As we unlock our hearts to You from within, open them to Your love. Help us to recognize Your voice beneath and above all others and convince us that You are the calm at the heart of our storms. And help us to hold graciously those questions to which there are no easy answers, and enable us to be patient with what remains unresolved in our hearts. Help us to recognize and welcome Your scarred hands which bring forgiveness, healing, and hope into our midst.
(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

God's Word to Us

Anthem *Festival Sanctus* -Leavitt
Voice of the Spirit

Children's Time Pastor Bill Sanders

Zee! Zee! Anestee	Greek
Yaysus is opgayrayzan = (Jesus Is Opgereezen)	Dutch
Kristus air upstahnden = (Kristus Ar Upstanden)	Swedish
Massee zenday ast	Persian
Broowhal hahshyutta	Korean
Kreesto veevay = (Christo Vive)	Spanish

Christ the Lord is risen! Jesus is alive!

(Side A)

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Elder Ruth Curtin
Almighty God, by the power of Your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.

Hebrew Lesson Jeremiah 31: 3-4 OT 733

New Testament Colossians 3: 1-4 NT 201

One This is the Word of the Lord.
Many **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **LOVE IS OUR RELIGION** Pastor Bill Sanders

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory *Risen Lord!* -J. Raney

***Response** *Lift High the Cross*

Prayer of Dedication

*** Hymn of Response** *The Strife Is O'er*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Response to God

***Hymn** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

***Choral Benediction** *Adoramus te Christe*
(Christ, we do all adore Thee) -Dubois
Voice of the Spirit

Postlude *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!* -D. Cherwien

*Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.

(Side B)