



# Our Path to Freedom

"For freedom Christ has set us free" Galatians 5:1

**EASTER OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

**5:30 PM SATURDAY | 7:00, 8:15 + 9:30 AM SUNDAY**

Easter 2021 Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

# BRIGHTER DAYS

## GATHERING MUSIC

## *WERE YOU THERE*

## PROCESSION OF EASTER LIGHT

### CALL TO WORSHIP *portions adapted from Mike Yager*

Pastor: In the early light of morning, as the sun peeks over the horizon,

**All: God holds a surprise for the world.**

Pastor: In the quiet calm of morning, when all is still,

**All: God holds a surprise for the world.**

Pastor: A stone rolled away,

**All: A tomb no longer a tomb, for it is empty.**

Pastor: They say the tomb was empty,

**All: But we know otherwise.**

Pastor: Sorrow and mourning,

**All: Left behind.**

Pastor: Fear and shame,

**All: Left behind.**

Pastor: Sin and death,

**All: Left behind.**

Pastor: Our old ways and our old selves,

**All: Left behind.**

Pastor: Forever entombed by Christ the Son.

**All: He who has conquered the grave.**

**He who is risen.**

**He who reigns.**

**Hallelujah!**

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

## Unveiling of the Cross

I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and  
the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth:  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me on high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die:

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
But I am the dance, and I still go on:  
Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he:

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

**\*EASTER HYMN #365** Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sun. 8:15/9:30 a.m.

***Jesus Christ Is Risen Today***

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
  
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
  
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
  
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**EASTER GREETING/WELCOME**

**SONG OF RESPONSE** vs 1 ***Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks***

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

**\*EASTER GOSPEL...Matthew 16:1-8 (NRSV)**

<sup>16</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** PG 4 vs 1

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks***

**EASTER MESSAGE**

**\*SONG OF HOPE** Refrain - All, Verses - Leaders vs 1 & 3

***Sing a New Song***

*Refrain*

Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.

1 Yahweh’s people dance for joy;  
oh, come before the Lord,  
and praise the Lord on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain*

3 Glad my soul, for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Savior lives. *Refrain*

## **EASTER STATEMENT OF FAITH** by Rev. Andreas Wagner

I believe in the God of Easter morning  
Who awakes us from our darkest dreams  
And leads us into the light of a new day,  
Who meets our pessimism  
With stunning hope  
Of angelic proclamation.

I believe in the God of Easter Day  
Who beats us to the obstacles in our lives  
And empties the dark tomb for us;  
Who appears in surprising ways  
When we least expect it;  
Walking with us  
On our detours.

I believe in the God of Easter evening  
Who breaks into our closets and prisons,  
Bringing peace and crushing our fear.

I believe in the risen Lord who meets us  
with wounds on his hands and feet;  
Who grants us his spirit,  
Sending us out  
To bring peace to the world.  
Amen.

### **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

5:30 Kim & Olivia Nutter, 7:00 Cyndi Christenson, 8:15 Joel Timmons, 9:30 Pam Petterson

### **THANK OFFERING**

- To make a gift to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, go to [shephills.org/give](http://shephills.org/give).
- Take a picture of the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



### **EASTER THANK OFFERING**

The Developing Missions Team of Shepherd of the Hills has chosen 100% of our Mid-Week Lent/Easter thank offering to be evenly divided between two thriving ministries we are privileged to support: [Water to Thrive and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services](#). (Please indicate Easter Offering on check.)

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE #857**

***Lord, I Lift Your Name on High***

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## COMMUNION INVITATION

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus. God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising new life.*

*Bread/wafer—"this is my body given for you";  
Wine—"this is my blood shed for you."*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** 9:30 Bell Ensemble *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

## COMMUNION BLESSING/PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

**COMMISSIONING SONG #875** 2x *Praise, Praise , Praise the Lord!*

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!  
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!  
Praise, praise, praise the Lord!  
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## \*EASTER COMMISSIONING

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

All: **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: We go into the world carrying this Good News in our hearts  
and on our lips. God sends us into Brighter Days with Jesus!

All: **Thanks be to God...and We Will!**

**POSTLUDE** 9:30 Charlie Hills *Piano Sonata No. 1 in D Major*



## **PRAYERS**

**Please pray** for Kristen Murray, Walter Buell, Nancy Clark, Gene Galbraith, Ray Tackett, Lauren Paulson and Wanda Lowke

**We pray** in loving memory of Arthur and Laverne Kalbow and Cheryl Welsh, by Linda Roesle

**Please pray** for Geneva Robertson, mother of John Robertson

**We continue to pray** for all those affected by COVID-19, and for those caring for them. We give thanks for the hopefulness we are experiencing with more and more vaccinations each week. We look forward to the continued movement toward the end of this pandemic, and we pray for therapeutics and medical care to tend to those who fall ill.

**We pray** with broken hearts for the communities in Atlanta, GA, Boulder, CO and Orange, CA as they are reeling from the recent acts of horrific violence. We cry out in disbelief and lament that these acts continue to occur, and we pray for the victims' families and the survivors whose lives are forever impacted. We pray for courage to work together as a nation to end gun violence!

**Please pray** for our global ministries: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala; Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti

**Please pray** for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring

**Please pray** for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

*\*Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

## **WORSHIP TEAM**

**Pastors**

Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

**Director of Worship/Arts**

Kevin McClure

**AV**

Bill Dawson, Pete Forsberg and James Enochs

**Bell Choir**

9:30am Service

**Flute**

Lauren Dow Wegner

**Instrumentalists**

(5:30)Lisa Boatman, (7 & 8:15) Josh Norem,  
(9:30) Charlie and Laura Hills and Bob Cannon  
Kitt Richter

**Bread**

Jackie Grotian-Chedsey & Violet Chedsey

**Easter Cross**

(5:30)Dabney Gomes, Jackie Grotian-Chedsey,  
Violet Chedsey, Kristina Bishop and family,  
Sandy & Milt Nielsen, Elaine Fick, Sara Dawson  
And Cullinane Family

**Hosts**

(7 & 8:15) Bob & Judy Haugen

(8:15) Dabney, Rick Burnight, Tim Stein,

(9:30)Larry & Sandy Wikelius, Jase, Donna

Auby and Family, Pam & Jeff Pettersen,

Mark and Kathy Gerhardt, Amanda Forsberg

John & Melissa Robertson and Family,

Kristen & Cole Bonner and Family

### **This Matters! Easter Generosity Impact Moment**

Four Years ago, 2017, Shepherd of the Hills was moving forward with a Capital Fund-Raising Campaign called This Matters! The hoped-for outcome was to renew and revitalize our church campus as a Mission Center Church in our community and beyond.



Because of the congregation's commitment to this mission, the Campus Renewal was completed in the late fall of 2018.



The outcome produced amazing results! The work that was done has impacted our church community, the local Austin community, and our global partners in powerful and significant ways, especially in this pandemic year.



We are entering the last 8 weeks of the four-year pledge to This Matters! campaign. We are planning a church-wide celebration on **Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**, announcing the final This Matters! results and our next steps to continue God's mission by eliminating the remaining debt and the proposal to finish Campus Renewal with Phase II.

We praise God for all that has happened in these past four years. We thank God for working through the generosity of people! Shepherd of the Hills is truly an Easter community that stands as a beacon of hope in our world! If you have not yet completed your pledge or would like to support our This Matters! in this final stretch, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. Thank you.

Eastertide Message Series  
April 10 - May 23

## **Brighter Days!**

5:30 pm Saturdays  
8:15 + 10:45 am Sundays

In-person and on Zoom!

## **Brighter Days! Bible Study**

Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays @ 8:00 a.m. + 12:00 p.m.  
Thursdays for Men @ 7:15 a.m.

On Zoom

## **Brighter Days! Wednesdays @ 7 pm**

Butterfly! All Are Welcome Task Force!  
Regathering! This Matters! Capital Campaign  
Campus Renewal Phase II Summer Ministry!