

Christ is alive

CHRIST IS ALIVE 98, 98 with refrain

Refrain

Christ is a-live, and goes be-fore us to show and share what

love can do. This is a day of new be-gin-nings;
share what love can do. This day new be-gin - nings;

our God is mak - ing all things new,

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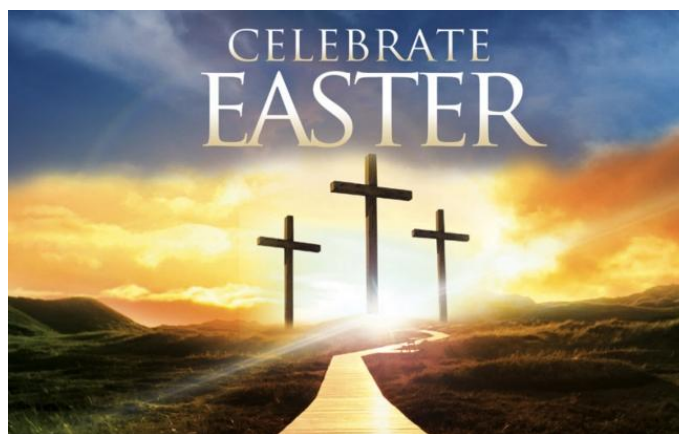
1 This is a day of new be-gin-nings, time to re-mem - ber,
2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, love's might-y Spir - it,
3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar-ing, step from the past, and

and move on, time to be-lieve what love is bring-ing,
now as then, can make for us a world of dif-f'rence,
leave be-hind our dis - a - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
as faith and hope are born a - gain.
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.

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3/27/16-94/13

9:30 a.m.

The Mission of God in a World of Complexity

The End of the Beginning – Easter Sunday

Gathering

Music for Gathering	Eleanor Friesen
<i>Awake, My Heart, with Gladness</i> (Peeters)	
Choral Introit	Church Choir
<i>Easter Carol</i> (Sullivan)	
Call to Worship and Prayer	Ruth Buxman
Leader: <i>Christ is risen!</i>	
All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!	
Scripture Reading	
<i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	
Hymn of Faith	
<i>The Joyful Eastertide</i>	WH 276
Bringing our Tithes and Offerings	
<i>Beautiful Savior</i> (Christiansen)	

Confessing

Our Joys and Concerns	
Confession of Faith	
<i>Hispanic Creed</i>	SJ 135
Morning Prayer	Stephen Penner
Words of Assurance	
<i>Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24</i>	
Hymn of Faith	
<i>Christ is Alive</i>	Insert

Hearing

Gospel Reading	
<i>John 20:1-18</i>	
Children's Story	Barbara Ewy
Choral Anthem	Church Choir
<i>The Strife is O'er</i> (Ley)	
Meditation	Stephen Penner
<i>Easter Faith in These Troubled Times</i>	

Responding and Blessing

Sending Song	
<i>Lift Your Glad Voices</i>	WH 275
Benediction	
Postlude	
<i>The Blessed Christ is Risen Today</i> (Bach)	
Time of Reflection and Communion	

Welcome to Our Service of Worship We are so glad you have joined us today to participate in this service of worship. Please know that regardless of where you have come from, or what you have experienced in the past, we welcome you. If you have a particular prayer concern, or would appreciate a visit, please contact one of the deacons or pastors. If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here.

Nursery Workers The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. An unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary.

Upcoming Pastoral Travels Pastor Juan Montes will begin a three month sabbatical in early May. Most of that time Juan and Carmen will be in their native Colombia. One of their hopes is to spend significant time with faith communities Juan was instrumental in planting years ago. Juan and Carmen's last Sunday with us in Reedley will be on May 1. They will be back in church again on Sunday, July 31.

Pastoral Travels Steve and Glenna Penner will be leaving after next Sunday's worship service for Cambodia. In Cambodia they will spend time with their son Elijah and his wife Sina, along with their grand-children Micah and Angelica. They plan to arrive back in Reedley late in the evening of April 17.

West Coast Mennonite Sale & Auction is next weekend, April 1-2, at Fresno Pacific University. The Mennonite Men's Chorus will sing Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Reedley MB Church. Be sure to bring your bottles of coins for My Coins Count to the sale on Friday night or Saturday.

The Supportive Fellowship of First Mennonite Church is joining the Supportive Communities Network of Brethren Mennonite Council. Anyone interested in being part of this Fellowship can meet in room 8 at 3:00 p.m. on April 3. *Joleen Siebert*

Prayer Vine Mission Network requests prayer for Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen and their sons, Jacob and John-Clair, as they begin an assignment in South Africa, working with Oscar Siwali, director of Southern Africa Development and Reconstruction Agency. Pray for their adjustment and their work with peace education and conflict transformation.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Easter Sunday, March / Marzo 27

5:00 a.m.	Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
8:45 a.m.	Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
9:30 a.m.	English Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Servicio Alabanza y Adoración. Worship Services at Burriss Park

Monday, March / Marzo 28

6:00 p.m.	Practica Alabanza Salón Social
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Tuesday, March / Marzo 29

9:30 a.m.	Needles & Notions in Room 2
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Wednesday, March / Marzo 30

7:00 p.m.	Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos
7:00 p.m.	Kids Club
7:00 p.m.	MYF
7:00 p.m.	Prayer, Bible Study Young Adults "Bethel" PIM
7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
8:00 p.m.	Worship Young Adult "Bethel" PIM

Thursday, March / Marzo 31

7:00 p.m.	Practica Grupo de Alabanza / Worship Team Training
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Friday-Sunday April / Abril 1-2

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale at FPU

Sunday, April / Abril 3

5:00 a.m.	Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
8:45 a.m.	Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
9:30 a.m.	English Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Curso Cuidado Pastoral
10:45 a.m.	Tiempo de Compañerismo Cristiano
11:00 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
11:00 a.m.	Reenfoque Espiritual - Sucesos De La Vida (AFC)
11:50 a.m.	Servicio Alabanza y Adoración. Worship Services
3:00 p.m.	Supportive Communities Network in Rm 8
5:00 p.m.	Soccer at the Sports Park