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# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

## Welcome and Announcements

### WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

#### Call to Worship

One: The bread of life opens our eyes.

**Many: The word of life opens our eyes.**

One: The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

**Many: and by those wounds we are healed.**

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Hymn (#231)

*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

### WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

#### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God,

We are creatures of dust,

ignorant of your revelation,

misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us,

needing forgiveness.

We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.

We beg your mercy for our fallen world.

We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.

Be our solace in this life and always.

We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.

Forgive us and lead us.

#### \*Silence for Personal Confession

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US**

**Sharing Faith with God's Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**                      **Luke 24:36b-48**  
*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)*

**Sermon**                                      **The Opening of Our Minds**                                      **Rev. R.C. Griffin**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH**

**Special Music**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**\*Please rise, in body or spirit.**

## Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,  
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo-ple whom he died to love and save;  
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev-er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de-nied.  
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.  
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re-li-gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;  
 Christ has ris-en for dis-ci-ples hud-dled in an up-stairs room.  
 Christ is ris-en, Christ is pres-ent mak-ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor; Christ is ris-en, God is here!  
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.  
 ev-i-dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."