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Resurrection Story: Released

Fourth Week of Easter

The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of Barbara L. Shaw from the Gillespie and Miller families.

Gathering at the Gate

Prelude

The Collective Story of Resurrection | Threshold Moment & Call to Worship based on John 20: 19-23 The bold writing is intended to be read by many voices, including yours.

Jesus assured them: Forgive the sins of anyone, and they are forgiven, retain the sins of any and they are retained.

We see in the example of Christ how to forgive others and how to release our own woundedness. We open ourselves to the freedom, release, and peace that comes through forgiveness. We forgive ourselves and we forgive others.

This is a Word of Hope for people who long for it.

Thanks be to the Living Word.

Opening Hymn/Song

"Christ is Alive", 318 UMH

The Key to Peace

In the name of Jesus Christ, you can know release. In the name of Jesus Christ, you can know release.

Proclaiming Freedom

New Life Happens (Children's Time)

"Halle, Halle", FWS 2026

Halle, halle, halle-luya! Halle, halle, halle-luya! Halle, halle, halle-luya! Halle-luya, halle-luya! Notes on Freedom and Release: Psalm 121 (OT P.539)

Song of Freedom (Anthem)

A Story of Release: God Leads the Israelites to New Life

Nehemiah 9: 9-15 (OT P.417)

Testimony to Freedom

Responding to Freedom

Prayers of the People The prayer Jesus taught

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Opportunities to Live Resurrected

Invitations, Announcements, and Offering

Doxology | "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH 156, one verse, adapted, and refrain

The Savior of our stories
has brought his peace to you;
now go and tell the story,
for others need it too.
To ev'ry one who's hurting
ring out the gospel call;
proclaim that Christ is risen
and grants his peace to all.

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Unlocking Freedom

Closing Hymn/Song

"Blessed Assurance", 369 UMH

Benediction

Postlude

A note to our guests

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Join us again, next week, April 28 "Found"

Psalm 24, Luke 24: 36-43, John 14: 18-28

Worship Notes:

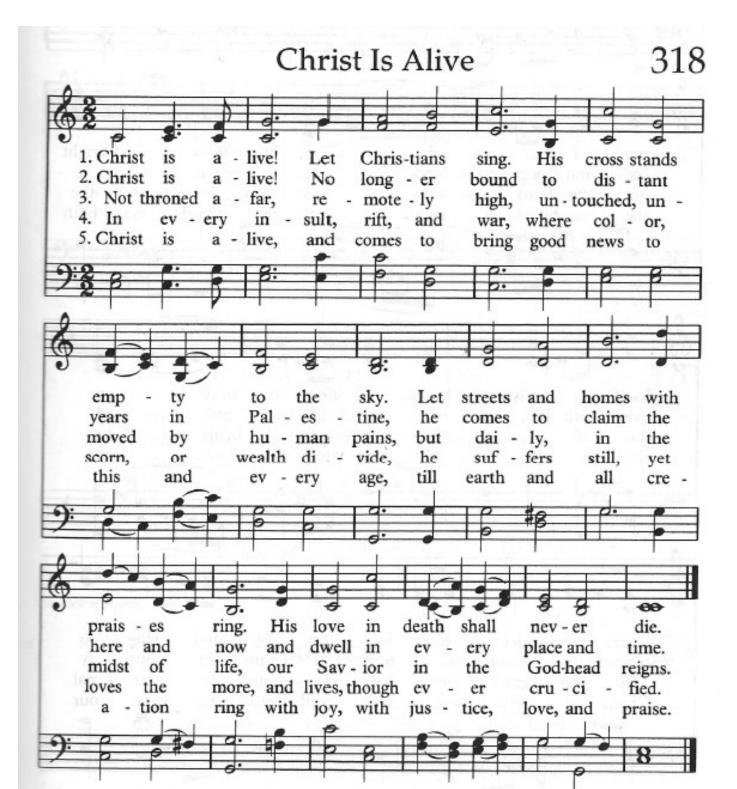
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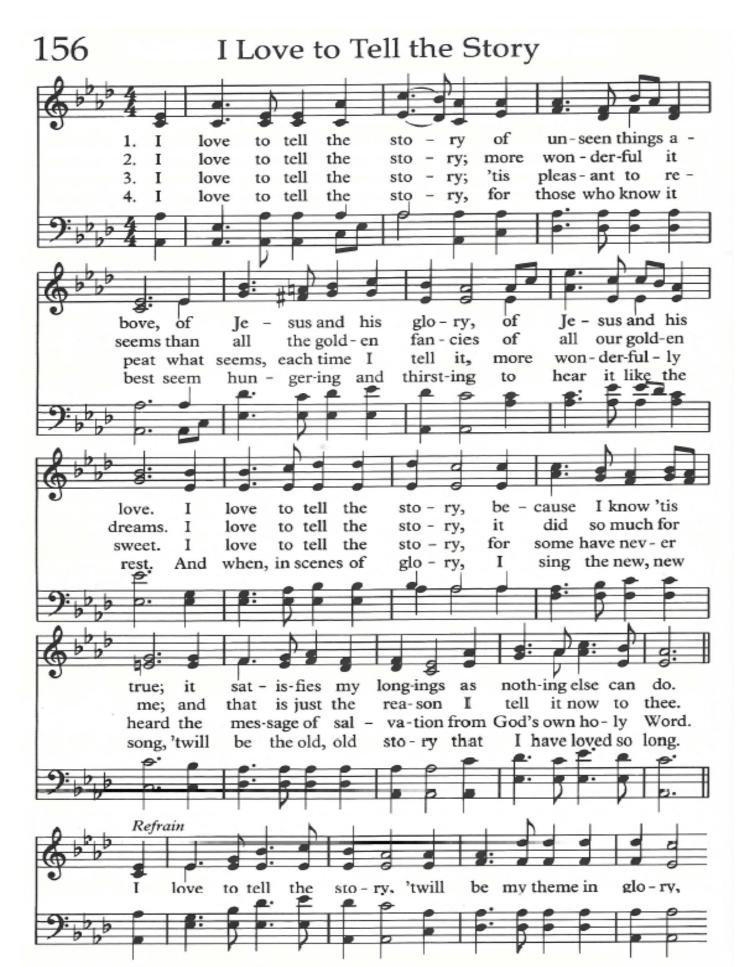
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