

First Congregational Church of West Tisbury | Hybrid
Order of Worship – Fifth Sunday of Easter
Resurrection Stories: Freed

April 28, 2024

Ten o'clock a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cathlin Baker

Green Team Testimonial

Elliott Bennett

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

Prelude *Carolan's Concerto*

Turlough Carolan

Bringing in the Christ light.

Resurrection Stories in Our Lives

We may be imprisoned by many things.

Jesus' declaration that he comes to "set the prisoner free" can be interpreted for all of us.

How can we each step into freedom from whatever binds us?

Gathering Song *Every Word and Every Breath* (verse one)

Adam M.L. Rice and Mark A. Miller
see attached

**Ev'ry word and ev'ry breath;
all the signs of grace you gave;
by your life and by your death;
by your rising from the grave:
Lamb of God, you bring salvation,
making us your new creation.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Call to Worshipⁱ

based on Luke 24:13-32

Leader: Easter is not an event that has occurred, it's an adventure that has begun.

People: Easter is the season of wild hope, of dangerous intent, of potent promise.

Leader: Easter is...where shattered hearts are made whole, where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death,

People: where the stone has been rolled away.

Leader: Easter is...where the lonely become our friends, where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair,

People: where we find Jesus walking.

Leader: Easter is...where closed wallets are opened, where the anxious find serenity, where love is
stronger than hate:

People: where Jesus is opening our eyes.

**All: May our eyes be opened to God's holy presence among us, now and
always. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** *Abide with Me* (verses 1, 2 and 4)

No. 636

Opening Prayerⁱⁱ

**Risen Christ, in our encounters on the way of life
give us compassion to listen to the other’s story,
and courage to make ourselves vulnerable,
so that others may encounter you through us
and we may rediscover you through them. Amen.**

Thought for the Children

Deb Maher and Paul Doherty

First Scripture Reading

Romans 8:18-28

Anthem *Aer enim volat*

Hildegard von Bingen

*For the air flies, and performs its duties with all creatures
and the firmament supports it, and the air feeds on its powers.*

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-32

Sermon

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory *How Wonderful Creation Is* words: Frederick William Faber (ad. S. Bowman)
Susie Bowman, guitar and vocal music: Irish Traditional

***Doxology (#46) and Prayer of Dedication**

Testifying to Resurrection – Freed

Doug Pease

Sing of Lives Transformed *Rise Up in Us*

Amanda Udis-Kessler
see attached

**Rise up in us and we will rise
From death into a newfound life:
From bondage freed, from harm released,
From illness healed, as one in peace.
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer, and The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn** *I’ve Got Peace Like a River*

No. 530

Benediction

Sung Benediction *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

No. 86

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided --
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

Postlude *Planxty Johnston*

Turlough Carolan

Christ’s light is brought into the world.

*Those that are able please stand.

ⁱ Adapted from prayers by Craig Mitchell (2005) & the Iona Community. (Re:Worship Blog)

ⁱⁱ Adapted from a prayer written by Lindsey Sanderson. (Re:Worship Blog)

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Rise Up in Us

Amanda Udis-Kessler

3 Rise up in us and we will rise from
6 death in - to a new - found life: from bond - age freed, from
9 harm re - leased, from ill - ness healed, as one in peace. When
12 all is lost our hearts are warmed, our hope re - stored, our
15 lives trans - formed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

EVERY WORD AND EVERY BREATH

Adam M. L. Tice

CAPITOLA
Mark A. Miller

1. Ev-'ry word and ev-'ry breath; all the
signs of grace you gave; by your life and by your
death; by your ris - ing from the grave:
Lamb of God, you bring sal - va - tion mak - ing
us your new cre - a - tion. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It begins with a 12/8 time signature and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs.