



EASTER  
BRINGS

H O P E

“In his great mercy he has given us  
new birth into a living hope through the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ...”

1 Peter 1:3

# Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church

## Easter Worship

April 21, 2019

PRELUDE

*Fanfare for Easter*

Scott

OPENING PRAYER

One: This is the Day!

**All: Glorious day, Resurrection day!**

One: Empty tombs and renewed lives.

**All: This is God's doing.**

One: So, rejoice —

**All: Alleluia!**

One: And sing —

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Be glad —

**All: Alleluia!**

One: For Christ is risen from the dead.

**All: His is risen as he said.**

One: Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia!**

*Written by Larry Peacock*

\*SINGING

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

No. 302

OFFER YOUR NEIGHBOR AN EASTER BLESSING

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 94

**P: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*\*All who are able, please stand.*



## *Light in the Tomb*

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*Why do you seek the living among the dead?*

Luke 24.5

Easter God, roll away the stone from the tomb of my heart.  
Let the morning light of your love shine in.  
As light forgives darkness, fills it, transforms it,  
your love forgives me, fills me, transforms me.  
I am not among the dead — my guilt, my shame, my fear. You  
have brought me to life.  
The light of your love raises me, sets me free, leads me out into  
this new day,  
beloved, living, made new.

.Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*, [www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)

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