

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he brings;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days  
because He lives!

**Chorus: Because He lives, I can face  
tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is  
gone,  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living, just  
because He lives!**

3. And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know  
He lives! **Chorus**

#### **BENEDICTION**

L: Go, with the Easter joy deep within  
your hearts

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

L: Go, with the message of hope that  
Easter brings

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

L: Go, certain that in time and beyond  
time, God's love is with you and will  
never leave you

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

#### **CHORAL BLESSING** *(sung together)*

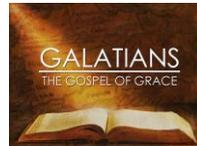
May the love of the Lord rest upon  
your soul. May God's love dwell in  
you, throughout every day. May God's  
countenance shine upon you And be

gracious to you. May God's Spirit be  
upon you as you leave this place.  
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#### **SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

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spirit-led ministry of music!

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**Completing the New Testament:  
Week of April 16, 2017  
Galatians 4-6**



**OFFICE HOURS**  
Tuesday – Thursday  
1:30pm – 4:00pm

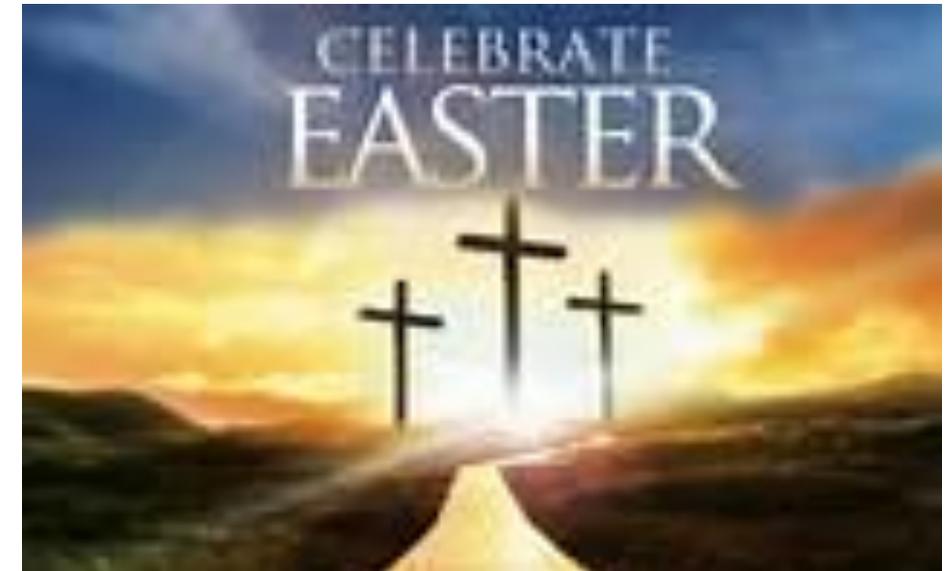
Friday 1:30pm - 6:00pm

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# **EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**

**April 16, 2017  
10:30 am**



**MINISTER**  
**Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**Nicholas Morvay**

**MINISTER EMERITUS**  
**Rev. Dr. John Palmer**

**We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate  
God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and  
welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We  
strive to show our love through service to all humanity.**

**EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH  
EASTER CANTATA**

**April 16, 2017**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LITURGICAL DANCE: “Mary Did You Know”**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

**All: Christ has led us from death to life.**

One: O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

**All: Christ has led us from earth to heaven.**

One: Christ has risen from the dead.

**All: He has risen indeed.**

One: Hallelujah.

**All: Hallelujah, this day and always!**

**OPENING HYMN VU 158 Christ is Alive**

**OPENING PRAYER**

L: Creator God, you spoke and out of chaos came creation and out of darkness came light. When Christ was resurrected and out of death came life. Praise and honour and blessing be to you O God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, this day and always.

**ALL: Almighty God, you raised Jesus from the grave, and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we still remain captive to fear and are bound to ways of being that lead to narrow living. We hide in tombs of indifference and seek comfort rather than justice.**

**We cling to hurt, resentment, and disappointment and refuse the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Sometimes our fears even prevent us from living fully and abundantly. Forgive us, O God, and restore our joy, hope and courage to live the life of meaning and love for which you died. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO GIVE**

L: Today we remember we are brought together through God’s grace and Jesus’ love. We are the beneficiaries of abundant blessings. In grateful response, we gather our offering.

**OFFERTORY HYMN: VU 179  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ALL: Jesus gave all he had, and he continues to give. Let our generosity be a spiritual sacrifice that transforms the world, just as Jesus’ giving transformed our lives. Amen**

**PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Song: (1) Be Still And Know that I am God**

**(2) I am the Lord that healeth thee**

L: Break into your church and into congregations:

**P: Where your people are distracted by old quarrels, meaningless diversions, loss of the desire for mission and service or by idolatry of practice and thought; resurrect, renew and revive your church;**

L: Break into our relationships with one another.

**P: Where they are vibrant and life-giving nurture them; where they are divided by old hurts, misunderstandings, carelessness, or taken for granted; resurrect, renew and revive our life together;**

L: Break into the governance of your world

**P: Stir the minds and hearts of leaders so that they will work for justice and equitable sharing; where laws are corrupt, people suffer at the hands of harsh rules and legislation; resurrect, renew and revive the leaders of the world;**

L: Break into situations of illness, pain, grief, and loss:

**P: Where people are sick in body, mind or spirit and where people mourn the loss of any relationship or dream; resurrect, renew and revive our lives;**

L: Break into moments of celebration and joy:

**P: Give us gratitude, the impulse to share, and a spirit of grace and understanding; resurrect, renew and revive our souls and spirits;**

L: Break into the circumstances, places, and lives that we name them now. My prayer is...

L: resurrect, renew and revive your people;

**ALL: Hear our prayer O Lord and grant us your peace**

**CANTATA**  
*“Out of the Shadows”*

**CLOSING WORDS**

**CLOSING HYMN: Because He Lives (Gaither & Gaither)**

1. God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

**Chorus: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because He lives!**