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Today's radio broadcast Brooke Weissinger  
In memory of Sandy Hagness

Resurrected Alleluias

Call to Worship:

[The Corner Room - "Psalm 16" \(Lyric Video\)](#)

**Opening Hymn**      **We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus WOV 698**  
We were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized in his death;  
that as Christ was raised victorious we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his, we will all be  
reunited for he lives.

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the  
waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead, God has made a

new beginning, from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again in a song that has no ending. Amen.

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

We rejoice in the waters of baptism where God claims us...**God names us beloved and calls us by a new name, child of God**

We rejoice in the waters of baptism where Jesus meets us in newness of life...**Jesus washes away our sin, covering us in grace and mercy**

We rejoice in the waters of baptism which are filled with the Holy Spirit...**the Spirit awakens our hearts to justice and our lives to love.**

Rejoicing in the gift of these sacramental waters we are filled with gratitude.

**Thanks be to the Triune God who creates, redeems and guides us.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **Greeting**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

God of Joy, in this season of resurrection and rejoicing we have much for which to give thanks. Guide us to respond generously to your faithfulness so that your church might continue to be a community where all are welcome to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### **Children's Message**

**Centering Song**  
[Video](#)

[Prayer for Generosity - Bukas Palad \(Lyric](#)

**Welcome the Word**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

**Scripture Reading**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

### Borning Cry WOV 770

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off. To find where demons dwell.  
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you  
on;  
You were raised to praise the living God to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as  
one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.  
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've  
begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.  
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven  
and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally  
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was  
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly  
human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he  
suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in  
accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Merciful God, Receive our prayer

**Peace**

**Offering**

### **Offertory Response**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives they are yours; we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you we are an offering, we are an offering.

### **Offering Prayer**

God of Abundance, everything we have is yours. It all belongs to you. As an act of worship and a sign of trust we return this portion to your keeping. Do with it what you will. Give us only your love and grace at this table. That is enough for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Words of Consecration**

Jesus invites us to rejoice in the sacramental life. He sets a table with his body and blood and bids us to partake in its promise. Before Christ died he shared this holy meal with his disciples...The

resurrected Christ reserved a place at this table for you with forgiveness and mercy on the menu. Come and receive God's goodness. May the gracious Holy Spirit be poured out upon this bread and cup as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Communion Distribution**

### **Post Communion Blessing**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of New Life, in this meal we were made mindful of your mercy and grace. May these gifts encourage us to rejoice through sharing the time, talents and treasures you have given us so that the world may know that we have seen the Lord. In the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing**

The Triune God rejoices in you!

You have been blessed to be a blessing.

May God our Creator create in you a generous heart

May Jesus our Savior inspire in you a desire to give and

May the Holy Spirit our Guide lead you to share abundantly

in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **Sending Hymn- Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ WOV 754**

Let us talents and tongues employ reaching out with a shout of joy

Bread is broken the wine is poured Christ is spoken and seen and

heard(refrain)

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around,  
loaves abound

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching  
people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express (refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share; God Immanuel everywhere (refrain)

**Dismissal Alleluia! Christ is risen.**

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Rejoice in the Resurrection. Give with a generous heart.

**Thanks be to God!**