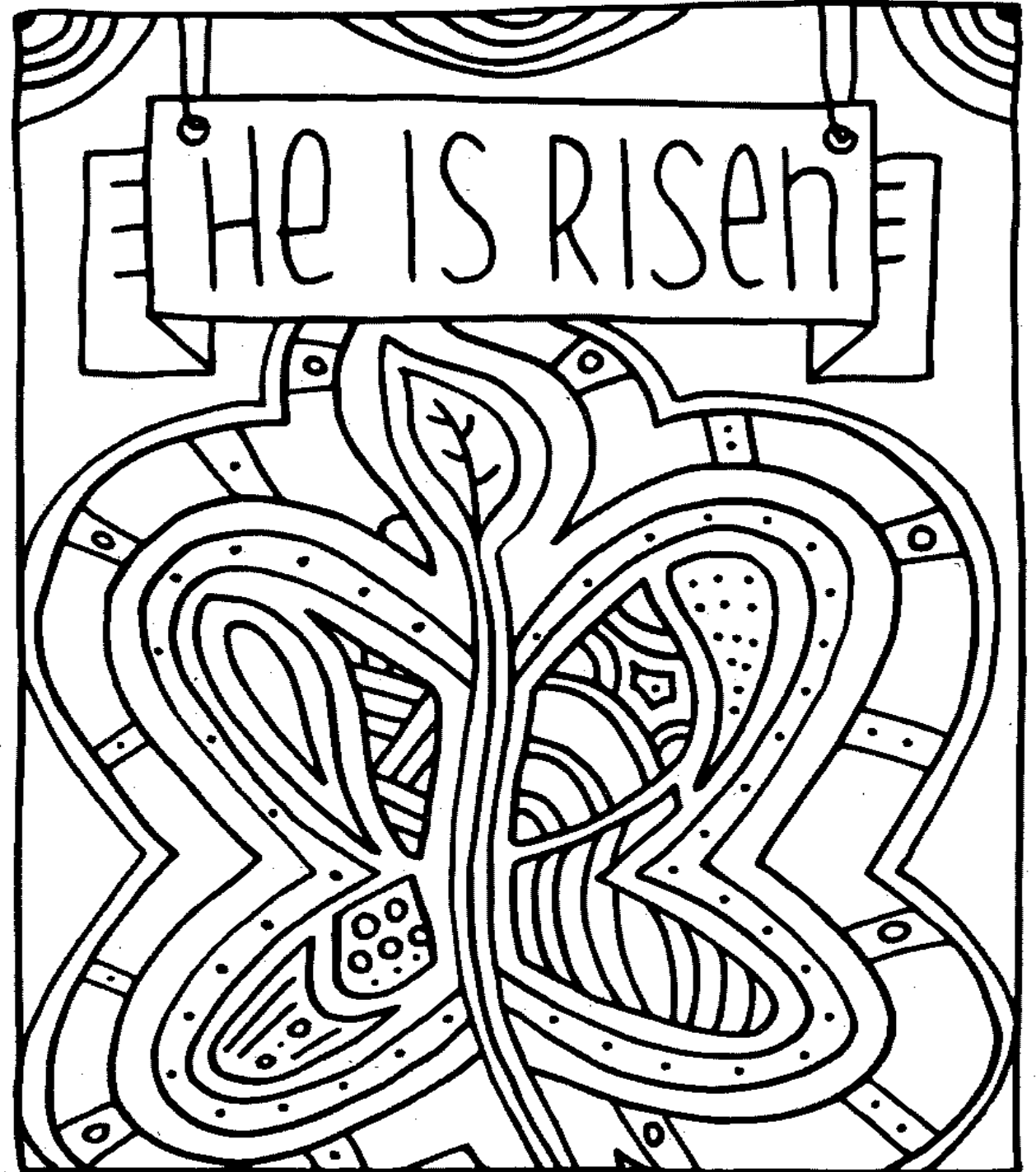


*The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, NJ*

*Easter Sunrise Worship Service*

*April 16, 2017 7:00 a.m.*



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## GREETING

### PRELUDE

*“Lead Me to the Cross”  
“Beautiful Things”*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**L:** This is the good news—the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

**P: Hallelujah!**

**L:** This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness

**P: Hallelujah!**

**L:** This is the good news—once we were no people, now we are God's people.

**P: Hallelujah!**

**L:** Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other in worship.

### HYMN

*“I Danced in the Morning”*

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

#### [REFRAIN]

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow Me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with Me and the dance went on. **[Refrain]**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high,  
And left me there on a cross to die. **[Refrain]**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone:  
But I am the dance and I still go on. **[Refrain]**

They cut Me down and I leap up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me:  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. **[Refrain]**

## PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 1-18

### THE EASTER MESSAGE

#### EASTER LITANY OF SENDING

**L:** Today and tomorrow,

**P: today and tomorrow.**

**L:** Lo, I am with you always,

**P: when we try to do your will,**

**L:** I am with you always,

**P: when we go where we do not know,**

**L:** I am with you always,

**P: when we meet one we do not recognize,**

**L:** I am with you always,

**P: where faith ends and doubt begins,**

**L:** I am with you always,

**P: and should we forget you,**

**L:** I am with you always,

**P: today and tomorrow, you are with us always to the end of the world. Amen.**

### SONG

*“Because He Lives”*

### BENEDICTION

**L:** The tomb is empty, Christ has risen! As you journey in faith, may your life be full, your love be abundant, and your hope be eternal. Live this day and every day for Christ Jesus because the Risen Christ lives in you.

**P: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!**

*As you leave, we invite you to greet one another in Christian love, sharing the joy of Easter morning with one another! Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen, Indeed!*

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A Special thanks to our Seminary Intern, Virginia, our youth helpers, our music leaders, and you—all of whom woke up early on this Easter Morning to celebrate with us in worship. Hallelujah!