

*First Congregational Church of West Tisbury | Hybrid*  
**Order of Worship – Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Resurrection Stories: Calmed**

*May 12, 2024*

*Ten o'clock a.m.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greeting and Passing of the Peace**

**Prelude** *Story of Our Town*

Aaron Copland

*Bringing in the Christ light.*

**Resurrection Stories in Our Lives**

*The word for repent in Greek is metanoia, which means a shift, a change, a new mindset.*

*We all can benefit from a new way of seeing.*

*In this “age of anxiety,” how can our congregation offer healing and hope? Our siblings struggle with a range of emotional and mental health needs from anxiety to trauma, to common yet stigmatized mental health challenges. What does resurrection or new life look like in this regard?*

**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 Worship**<sup>i</sup>

Leader: From where we are, to where you need us.

**People: Jesus, now lead on.**

Leader: From what we think we know, to the new awareness that you will reveal.

**People: Jesus, now lead on.**

Leader: To refashion our community and the world, until it resembles the shape of your kingdom.

**People: Jesus, now lead on.**

Leader: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God.

**People: Jesus, now lead on.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Be Still, My Soul*

No. 566

**Opening Prayer**<sup>ii</sup>

**You gather us from our separate lives, Great God,  
to hear your word and respond to your revealing.**

**We seek your guidance, your wisdom, your way.**

**Help us to perceive and understand your word, and then to follow you faithfully.**

**Bind us together with you, and transform us from distinct persons  
into the Body of Christ, alive with your Spirit in the world. Amen.**

**Thought for the Children**

**First Scripture Reading**

Philippians 4:4-9

**Anthem** Sure On This Shining Night

David Behnke, baritone

words: James Agee  
music: Morten Lauridsen

**Second Scripture Reading**

Mark 6:1-13

**Sermon**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Offertory** Sure on this shining night

David Behnke, baritone

words: James Agee  
music: Samuel Barber

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

**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 and The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn** *Spirit*

No. 249

**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** *Petite Berceuse*

Samuel Barber

*Christ’s light is brought into the world.*

\*Those that are able please stand.

<sup>i</sup> Adapted from the “Wee Worship Book” published by the Wild Goose Resource Group.

<sup>ii</sup> Opening prayer adapted from one written by the Rev. Mary Nelson Abbott.

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**Rise Up in Us**

Amanda Udis-Kessler

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9 harm re - leased, from ill - ness healed, as one in peace. When  
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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:  
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us your new cre - a - tion. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 12/8. The piece begins with a first ending bracket over the final two measures of the first system. A second ending bracket covers the final two measures of the second system. The score concludes with a double bar line.