

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Third Sunday of Easter  
26 April 2020

We are thrilled to welcome back Chris Daige this morning playing flute. Chris has enriched our worship at SAKLC many times over the past two years, and it is wonderful to have him with us. He will be playing a special offertory piece on a familiar hymn to our congregation, "Here is bread".

Our opening hymn, "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen", is most often sung to the text "Earth and all stars". Both hymn texts were written by Herbert Brokering (b. Beatrice, Nebraska, May 21, 1926; d. Bloomington, Minnesota, November 7, 2009). He was a Lutheran pastor with German roots, an author of more than forty books, and a poet and hymn writer known especially for two hymn texts, "Earth and All Stars" and "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen," both set to the same tune. He was born in Nebraska, the son of a German Lutheran pastor; earned degrees from Wartburg College in Iowa, University of Iowa, and Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH, and pursued graduate study in Germany at the University of Kiel and the University of Erlangen. He served as a pastor of three Lutheran congregations, in Pennsylvania, New York, and Texas; taught at the Navy Chaplain's Career School in Newport, Rhode Island, Luther Seminary and Trinity Seminary, and was also active in the Lutheran World Federation services and the World Council of Churches.



The tune used for this hymn was composed by David Johnson, a former music department chair at St. Olaf College. Johnson published well over 300 compositions, most of them for church use, and was author of an Instruction Book for Beginning Organists (1964) and an Organ Teacher's Guide (1971). Johnson's "Trumpet Tune in D" was the first of two processional tunes used for the 1971 wedding of Richard Nixon's Daughter, Tricia, who was married in the White House Rose Garden.