

# EASTER

SUNDAY MORNING

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**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection! We are glad you have joined us for worship. Why did Jesus Christ rise and what are the benefits we receive?

*"Christ rose again from the dead the third day by His own power; whereby He declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of the living and the dead: All of which He did ... for our justification, progress in grace, support against enemies, and to assure us of our resurrection from the dead at the last day."*

*(from the Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 52)*

Thus, Easter Sunday means everything to a follower of Jesus, since His bodily resurrection from the dead is the crowning proof that every promise of God rings true. The resurrection is also the believers' victory cry; death is dead and love has won! As we celebrate together and prepare our hearts for worship, you are invited to reflect on the following prayer:

*Almighty God, Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## GIVE PRAISE TO THE RISEN CHRIST

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" . . . Lloyd Larson

*Jill Peak, organ  
Samuel Metzger, conductor*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Calvary" . . . arr. Clayton White

*Words and Music: African American Spiritual / Luke 23*

Calvary, Calvary, Calvary, surely He died on Calvary.  
Ev'ry time I think about Jesus, surely He died on Calvary.  
Don't you hear those hammers ringing? Surely He died on Calvary.

*Calvin Ellis, soloist  
The Chancel Choir  
Christy Young, conductor*

CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on John 11; Revelation 5:12 . . . David Bowen

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes though he die, yet shall he live,

**And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.**

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

**To receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 277 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" . . . EASTER HYMN

*Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Lyra Davidica; arr. Rutter / I Corinthians 15:57*

✦ INVOCATION (*please lift hands*) . . . Barton Kimbro

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Question 45 . . . Brandon Terry

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**First, by His resurrection He has overcome death,  
so that He might make us share  
in the righteousness He obtained for us by His death.  
Second, by His power we too are already raised to a new life.  
Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us  
of our blessed resurrection.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

**RECEIVE PARDON FROM THE RISEN CHRIST**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION. . . . . Dan Burns

**Almighty God,  
You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all.  
Yet, we confess that we have not bowed before Him  
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.  
You raised Jesus from the grave  
and shattered the power of sin and death.  
Yet, we confess we remain captive to fear  
and bound by the ways that lead to death.  
Forgive us and raise us from the pit,  
that we may be Your faithful people.  
Transform us, and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of abundant life  
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever.  
It's in the matchless name of our Redeemer, we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . Romans 4:25

*He was delivered over to death for our sins  
and was raised to life for our justification.*

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or text GIVE followed by the gift amount to (901) 410-9500.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Thine Be the Glory" . . . . . arr. J. Marty Cope

*Words: Edmond Louis Budry / Music: G.F. Handel; arr. Cope / I Corinthians 15:57*

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away.  
Kept the folded graveclothes, where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let His church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting,

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;  
Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Thine be the glory! Amen!

✦DOXOLOGY . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . Brett Wynne

✦GREETINGS . . . . . Todd Erickson

# HEAR THE WORD OF THE RISEN CHRIST

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:00, 9:30) . . . . . Gerry Peak

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER. . . . . Tim Russell

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" . . . . . DIADEMATA

*Words: Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring / Music: George Elvey; arr. Metzger / Revelation 19:12*

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne:  
2. Crown him the Lord of love: be - hold his hands and side —  
3. Crown him the Lord of life: who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Fa - ther known,

hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
who rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
one with the Spir - it through him giv'n from yon - der glo - rious throne.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
To thee be end - less praise, for thou for us hast died;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.  
be thou, O Lord, through end-less days a - dorned and mag - ni - fied.

GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . John 20:1-18  
*(pages 906 in pew Bible)*

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** *(Isaiah 40:8)*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Power of the Cross" . . . . .arr. Mark Hayes

*Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Hayes / II Corinthians 13:4*

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath – we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought,  
Ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

✦ *Congregation stands and sings words in bold print:*

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.**

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the vic'try cry.

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.**

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ was slain for us.

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death;  
Life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.**

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God – slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.**

*Jauna Ellis, soloist  
Brad Jones, piano  
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦ *BENEDICTION (please lift hands)*

✦ *BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah . . . . .G.F. Handel*

*Words and Music: G. F. Handel; arr. Metzger / Luke 24:32*

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become  
The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata" from *Symphony No. 5* . . . . . Charles-Marie Widor

*Samuel Metzger, organ*

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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*Instrumentalists: Clay Hancock, Steve Hancock, violin; Alex Schuettrumpf, Will Paladino, and Yiming Zhang, trumpet; Greg Luscombe, Nathan DuVall, and Martin McCain, trombone; Stewart Plumlee, timpani; John Sprott, percussion*

*Today, the paraments have been changed from the red of Holy Week to the white of Eastertide. On the pulpit fall is embroidered a Latin cross in gold thread. Upon the cross bloom three white lilies with green leaves, signifying both purity and the Trinity. The Bible markers bear the Greek letters Chi and Rho, the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ. The Easter banner is also white and features the same gold cross with lilies; it bears the words "Alleluia" and "Christ is risen." The procession is led by the processional cross. The custom of processional crosses can be traced back to the sixth century A.D. and reminds us of the sacrifice of our Savior, His redeeming love, and the promise of salvation. This cross bears at its junction the letters IHS, the first letters in the Greek name for Jesus.*

**I. Christ Delivers from this World**

A. Prisoner of the World

B. An Out-of-this World Savior

**II. Christ Gives Genuine Relationships**

A. No Reason to Love

B. A Reason to Believe

**III. Christ Secures a Relationship with the Father**

A. The Deepest Search

B. The Deepest Person

C. The Deepest Security