

## **Easter Worship Resource (Sunday, April 9, 2023)**

Thanks for joining us in worship today! This morning will be a time of great rejoicing as we celebrate the empty tomb and the truth that Jesus has conquered the grave. If you are worshipping online, be sure to fill out the digital connection card.

### **Getting Reading for Worship**

As you get ready for worship, you will want to have:

1. Your Bible. We will be reading these passages: Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10.
2. Lyrics to hymns written below.
3. The elements for Holy Communion. We encourage you to strive for a bread product and something in the "fruit of the vine" category.

### **Prelude: Were You There**

*When They Raised Him from the Tomb?  
The Strife Is O'er  
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today  
Resurrection Fanfare*

Dorothy Wells, Richard Huggins  
Palestrina  
Thomas Chesterton, Lani Smith  
N. Davis  
Grace Notes Handbell Choir

### **Invocation and Salutation**

P: Christ is risen!

A: Christ is risen indeed!

### **Opening Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today: Alleluia (LBW #128)**

Christ the Lord is ris'n; Alleluia  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia  
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia

Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia  
When contending death and life, Alleluia  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia

Christians, on this holy day. Alleluia  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia  
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia

**Musical Offering:** *Come, People of the Risen King* Keith & Kristyn Getty, arr. L. Scholes  
Grace Notes Handbells Choir

### **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we left undone. We have loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### **Kyrie**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

### **Hymn of Praise**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Musical Offering:** *Then Came the Morning*

Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither,  
Chris Christian, arr. Marty Hamby  
Sanctuary Choir

**\*Holy Scripture: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Holy Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped

his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**Musical Offering:** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* LBW 143  
Rachel Cline, Trumpet

### **Sermon: Pastor Tom Brodbeck**

**Musical Offering:** *Because He Lives* Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither  
arr. Mary McDonald  
Sanctuary Choir

### **The 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 our salvation he came down from heaven;  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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

**Musical Offering:** *Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)* Brian Johnson, Kari Jobe,  
Jenn Johnson, Gabriel Wilson,  
Joel Taylor, Christa Black Gifford  
Joe & Jenn Stahl

### **The Giving of Your Tithes and Offerings**

We encourage you to participate in this while you worship from your home. Have a designated basket where you place your offering, and include your children in the process. Let them serve as ushers, for example. Use this as a teaching time to talk about the importance of stewardship, and to pray for your church's financial situation during these abnormal times. Here are a few giving options for you to consider:

1. Your Grace offering envelope is also a mailing envelope. We recommend added an additional piece of tape to secure the tab.

2. Give through the Grace app. It's quick, simple and easy, and very secure. Connect through the "giving" option.
3. Use the "bill pay" option through your bank.
4. Arrange for automatic contributions through the Grace system (Vanco). Again this is very secure. There is a form to be filled out for this. Contact Church Administrator Darla Kalifoot (937-399-6257) to get this set up.

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

**Musical Offering:** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* John Hatton, arr. Rebecca Bonam  
Kristin Cline, flutist

*It's Your Grace*

Daniel Dye  
Sarah Kelly, Daniel Dye

### **Hymn: Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! (LBW #131)**

1. Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him  
As his light once more appears,  
Bowing down in joy before him,  
Rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!

2. Christ is risen! All the sadness  
Of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
Through the open gates of gladness  
He returns to life once more;  
Death and hell before him bending  
See him rise, the victor now,  
Angels on his steps attending,  
Glory round his wounded brow. [Refrain]

3. Christ is risen! All the sorrow  
That last evening round him lay  
Now has found a glorious morrow  
In the rising of today.  
See the grave its first-fruits giving,  
Springing up from holy ground;  
He was dead, but now is living;  
He was lost, but he is found. [Refrain]

4. Christ is risen! Henceforth never  
Death or hell shall us enthrall.  
Be we Christ's, in him forever  
We have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection  
Of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
Hail the day of resurrection!  
Let us rise and keep the feast. [Refrain]

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**Postlude:** *Thine Is the Glory*

*Charles Callahan, Lani Smith*

**Other Notes:**

- Throughout the service, feel free to stand whenever doing so would enhance your worship experience.
- As you share the peace, consider sending a text of peace to someone who also may be sheltered in a different place. Stay connected!



## ***EASTER LILIES GIVEN BY***

**Greg and Kim Bachman:** in memory of our fathers, Rev. Charles C. Spangler and Charles E. Bachman

**Steven and Victoria Barnes:** in memory of Ray and Carmen Russell, Bill and Betty Barnes

**Roger Bentz:** in memory of Pamela Bentz

**Carol Drown:** in memory of Margery Culp, Betty Drown, Mike Drown and Terry Ziesmer and in honor of the Mike Beck family, Michelle Goodfellow family, Cheryl Litton family and Kathie Ziesmer

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**Bev Kaech:** in memory of loved ones

**Jerry Kalifoot:** in memory of Betty Kalifoot

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**Linda Mitchell:** in memory of Dick and Gert Martin

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