



Sunday, April 11, 2021

Welcome!

We are thankful that you are worshiping with us today! To learn more about the life of our congregation, join our email list [here](#).

Here are some helpful resources for our younger worshippers:

[This Week's Children's Bulletin](#) | [Worship Worksheet for Kids](#)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We worship in the Easter light,

for the shadow of death is no match for God's love.

Let us join our voices with the disciple Thomas:

"My Lord and my God!"

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

1. That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.
2. He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide, the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.
3. From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield; O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: **May God be with you in worship there.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Rom. 8:26

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself, to breathe peace upon your disciples. Still, O Lord, we cannot trust your promise of peace. Still, O Lord, we do not follow in the way of your love. Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection. Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace. Show us your hands and your feet once more, and teach us to be your body in the world.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Acts 2:17, 21

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 223)

NETTLETON

1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor. Christ is risen, God is here!
2. Christ has risen for the people whom he loved and died to save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.
3. Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present making us what he has been –
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:32-35

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

Congregational refrain:



John 20:19-31

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Jeff Moles

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Cor. 15:1-6, Mark 16:1-9, Matt 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,
hea - ven and the earth are full of your glo - ry, love, and light.
Bles - sed is the one who comes in your ho - ly name, O Lord.
Ho - sa - na in the high - est! Ho - sa - na in the high - est!

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 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Here at this table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. And as much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back to our work—only it is no longer the same work because we know you are with us and

in us, shaping and transforming us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 246

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education & Mission

PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

Dennis Jewett, Director of Music

ASSISTING

Stephanie Dube, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School

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Bill Jansing

MUSICIANS

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