



*Christ
Presbyterian
Church*

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word, Prayer and Sacrament of Baptism

April 20, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140”

J.S. Bach, arr. James M. Guthrie

Welcome

Brian Sorgenfrei

*Call to Worship¹

based on 1 Corinthians 15:54-55

Elder: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Elder: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

People: **“Death is swallowed up in victory!” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”**

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*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, verses 1-4

Hymn No. 277

Music: EASTER HYMN, Lyra Davidica, 1708; Lyrics: Charles Wesley, 1739

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith adapted from 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 & Colossians 1:15-20

Elder: This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

All: **That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time. We believe Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

*Ancient of Days

Music & Lyrics: Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson



1. Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall,
2. Though the dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul,
3. Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings,



there is still one King reign - ing o - ver all.
He is here with me. I am not a - lone.
I will watch and wait for the Sav - ior King.

¹Please stand, if able.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

So I will not fear for this truth re - mains:
 O His love is sure, and He knows my name.
 Then, my joy com - plete, stand - ing face to face

that my God is the An - cient of Days.
 For my God is the An - cient of Days.
 in the pres - ence of the An - cient of Days.

Chorus: None a - bove Him, none be - fore Him. All of time in His hands.

For His throne it shall re - main and ev - er stand.

All the po - wer, all the glo - ry, I will trust in His name.

For my God is the An - cient of Days.

Call to Confession

Romans 6:10-13

¹⁰For the death [Christ] died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the command of our Lord Jesus Christ who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 6:4-7

⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin.

*How Great Thou Art

Hymn No. 44

Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk melody; Lyrics: Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.

Covenant Baptism

10:45 a.m. service
John Lawrence Graeber V
Covenant Child of John & Hallie

The Blessing

10:45 a.m. service
Music & Lyrics: Michael Card

1. The Lord bless you and keep you.
2. The Lord be gra-cious to you.
The Lord make His face shine u-pon you,
The Lord turn His face to-wards you,
and give you peace, and give you peace,
and give you peace for-ev-er.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Bill Dabney

Offertory "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1923, arr. Dan Forrest
Lyrics: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church Dismissal: During the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Errol Castens

Members of the Week

Jason & Greta Bailey; George and Henry
Brett & Meg Barefoot; Drew, Kate Stiles and Brett Martin

Missionaries of the Week

Austin Braasch: RUF - Ole Miss
Jermaine Van Buren: RUF - Jackson State

Sunday School Teachers of the Week

Adult: Clay Dabbs

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff

Robert & Hannah Dunlap

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

**Please stand, if able.*

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Reframing Hope (Psalm 16)"

Les Newsom

Psalms: Songs of the Heart

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

*In Christ Alone

Music & Lyrics: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found;
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh,
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay,
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death:



He is my light, my strength, my song;
 full - ness of God in help - less babe!
 light of the world by dark - ness slain.
 this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



this cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day,
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath.



firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 scorned by the ones He came to save.
 up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
 can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all,
 for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid,
 for I am His and He is mine,
 'til He re - turns or calls me home,



here in the love of Christ I stand.
 here in the death of Christ I live.
 bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

***Benediction²**

Postlude *"The Trumpet Shall Sound" from Messiah, HWV 56*
George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, tr. Gordon Cherry

**Please stand, if able.*

²Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

1. The Defeat of Idols (vv. 1-6)

2. The Delight in God (vv. 7-8)

3. The Death of Death (vv. 9-11)

Musicians & AVL Team

Gabbie Bowden, vocals; Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Noel Childress, mandolin;
Amanda Fliflet, percussion; Jesse Gibens, trumpet; Allison Lavender, violin;
Slade Lewis, bass; Max McDonalson, sound engineer; Andy Paney, piano;
Chris Quick, trumpet; Anna Sayre, lights & projections; Vasilios Tidwell, tuba;
Charlie Torrent, horn; Tatton Waldon, trombone; Damein Wash, keyboard & vocals

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