



SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER

Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m.

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

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GATHERING

WELCOME

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Come People of the Risen King”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty  
Stuart Townend

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice.*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight;  
For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease;  
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.  
Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith;  
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace;  
Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age: our God is all in all.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Triune God calls his church to worship him*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people*

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SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

PASTORS Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Ron Meyer | Rev. Thomas Myrick | Dr. Robert Norris

In Christ alone, my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song.  
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
 What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
 My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;  
 This gift of love, and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
 For every sin on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave he rose again!  
 And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,  
 For I am his, and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
 From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
 No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
 Till he returns, or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ*

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, our shortcomings, and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all that displeases you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, your own dear Son. Speak afresh to us the gospel of your grace, and remind us that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In your Son is our salvation, in your promises our hope. Take us for your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The Lord’s declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God’s Law*

#### PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON— Job 14:1–17

Romi Kobayashi

Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. He comes out like a flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and continues not. And do you open your eyes on such a one and bring me into judgment with you? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one. Since his days are determined, and the number of his months is with you, and you have appointed his limits that he cannot pass, look away from him and leave him alone, that he may enjoy, like a hired hand, his day. For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grow old in the earth, and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put out branches like a young plant. But a man dies and is laid low; man breathes his last, and where is he? As waters fail from a lake and a river wastes away and dries up, so a man lies down and rises not again; till the heavens are no more he will not awake or be roused out of his sleep. Oh that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath be past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my service I would wait, till my renewal should come. You would call, and I would answer you; you would long for the work of your hands. For then you would number my steps; you would not keep watch over my sin; my transgression would be sealed up in a bag, and you would cover over my iniquity.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Hallelujah, What a Savior!”

Philip Paul Bliss

“Man of Sorrows!” What a name for the Son of God who came,  
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!  
Bearing shame and scoffing rude in my place condemned he stood,  
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!  
Guilty, vile and helpless we, Spotless Lamb of God was he;  
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!  
Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;  
Now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!  
When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring;  
Then anew his song we’ll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Matthew 27:51–56

page 835, pew Bible

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Asking God’s Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of his Word*

SERMON

“The First Resurrection”

Dr. Robert Norris

RESPONSE

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)”

Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford  
Gabriel Wilson, Jenn Johnson  
Joel Taylor, Kari Jobe

The moon and stars they wept, the morning sun was dead.  
The Savior of the world was fallen, his body on the cross.  
His blood poured out for us, the weight of every curse upon him.

One final breath he gave as heaven looked away.  
The Son of God was laid in darkness, a battle in the grave.  
The war on death was waged, the power of hell forever broken.

*The ground began to shake, the stone was rolled away.  
His perfect love could not be overcome, now death where is your sting.*

*Our resurrected King has rendered you defeated.*

*Now forever he is glorified, forever he is lifted high.  
And forever he is risen, he is alive and he is alive.*

We sing hallelujah, we sing hallelujah.  
We sing hallelujah, the Lamb has overcome.  
We sing hallelujah, we sing hallelujah.  
We sing hallelujah.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Thine Is The Glory”

Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won!*

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
For the 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 conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

BENEDICTION

*Pronouncing God’s blessing on his people*

*If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.*

*We welcome children in our worship service this evening.  
Room 210, off lower Halverson Hall, is open for parents of young children.  
A live feed of the service is available as you care for your children.  
If you have to leave the service, feel free to do so, but please come back.  
As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”*

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

**MORNING SERVICE**

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

“The Promise Nearly Jeopardized”

Genesis 12:10-20

Dr. Todd Smedley

*Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper  
will be celebrated.*

**EVENING SERVICE**

6:00 p.m.

“Out With the Old”

Colossians 3:5-11

Rev. Thomas Myrick