

Resurrection Sunday

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14



MARCH 31, 2024

Welcome to Visalia CRC

Nursery (0-2 yrs) is available off the NE corner of the courtyard.

Mother/Infant Room is available off the foyer with a live feed of the service.

Nursing Mothers with Toddlers Room is available and located next to the nursery.

Family Room is located off the foyer with books/toys for toddlers and preschoolers. Live feed of the service is available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS 2024 Hometown Nazareth June 17-21. Mark your calendars! If you'd like to be in on the fun and volunteer for the week or even a couple days, contact Tiffany Maatman (ktmaatman@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Verhoeven (elizabethv@visaliacrc.com). We are looking forward to another exciting week of VBS!

Spring Work Day: Save the Date! We are going to have a Spring Work Day at church on Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 am. Anyone is welcome to take part! There will be a number of small jobs that would be appropriate for high schoolers needing service hours. Contact Mitchell Vieth with any questions (mitchellv@visaliacrc.com).

CVC Employment: CVC is actively hiring for several exciting opportunities for the 2024-25 school year! If you are passionate about education, we encourage you to apply! Interested individuals can visit cvc.org/employment for more details and to apply.

Facilities Expansion Pledge Cards may be placed in either offering bag, mailed to the church office, or left in the box at the Information Booth. Thank you for your support of this project.

Pastor Search Team: Please keep the search team in your prayers as they work to fill the Pastor of Congregational Life position.

GEMS Cookbooks: Get yours while supplies last. The cookbooks are a collection of over 900 delicious recipes from the kitchens of our GEMS, their families and friends of Visalia CRC. Cost is \$30. Contact Karianne Aukeman 731-7497 or Hailey Zwart 802-2998 and they will get them delivered to you.

Coffetime at Sierra Village: The deacons will be hosting coffee and goodies Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

Global Coffee Break: Will be meeting this Wednesday, April 3 from 6:45-8:30 pm. We will be concluding our study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

No Sunday school today, March 31.

GATHERING

WELCOME & GREETING FROM GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

ALL: He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS

1 How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that Cross

2 Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

3 Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

4 Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that Cross

Ending
Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross

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I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

1 I know that my Redeemer lives, What joy this blest assurance gives
He lives He lives who once was dead, He lives my ever-living Head

2 He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save
He lives exalted throned above, He lives to rule His church in love

4 He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart

5 He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need

8 He lives all glory to His name, He lives my Savior still the same
What joy this blest assurance gives, I know that my Redeemer lives

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CONFESSION

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 commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

ASSURANCE

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
—1 Corinthians 15:54-57, NRSV

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

1 Christ the Lord is risen today! a lle luia!
All creation, join to say: a lle luia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; a lle luia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: a lle luia!
2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow. Alleluia!

HYMN OF HEAVEN

1 How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus 1

There will be a day, When all will bow before Him
There will be a day, When death will be no more
Standing face to face, With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

2 And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

3 And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Chorus 2

So let it be today, We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints, We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God, Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord, Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord

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OFFERING

PRAYER

This week's special offering is for **Faith Promise**.

Gives support to missionaries whom Visalia Christian Reformed Church directly sponsors.

Missionaries:

-Calvin & Jamie Hofland

-Mario & Yolanda Matos

-Mike & Moe Moe Fennema

-Rev. Joel & Marilyn van Dyke

-Charles & Hensel Oh

-John & Jude Tiersma-Watson

Next week's special offering will be for **Gleanings for the Hungry**.

I SERVE A RISEN SAVIOR

1 I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, Whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him, He's always near

Chorus 1

He lives He lives, Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me, Along life's narrow way
He lives He lives, Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives
He lives within my heart

2 In all the world around me, I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair
I know that He is leading, Through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing, Will come at last

3 Rejoice rejoice O Christian, Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs, To Jesus Christ the King
The Hope of all who seek Him, The Help of all who find
None other is so loving, So good and kind

Red Hymnal 365

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Darren Koster
Harm de Jong
Cornelis de Jong
Austin Schotanus
Rick Schotanus
Jack Bothof

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to attend Children's Worship.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

¹ The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!’ ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.’”

O CHURCH ARISE

1 O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

2 Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

3 Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

4 So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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SENDING

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 31

Morning Worship Services	8:00 & 10:30 am
Easter Brunch	9:30-10:15 am

Tuesday, April 2

Men’s Life Bible Study	7:00 am
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Wednesday, April 3

Women’s Bible Study	9:00-11:00 am
Global Coffee Break Bible Study	6:45-8:30 pm
GEMS/Cadets	6:45 pm
HS Youth Group	6:45 pm

Sunday, April 7

Morning Worship Services	8:00 & 10:30 am
4yr-6th Grade Sunday School	9:15 am
JH/HS Sunday school	9:30 am

SERVING TODAY (March 31, 2024)

8:00 am Service

GREETER: Karl & Lauren teVelde

INFO BOOTH: Bob & Karen Aukeman

SECURITY: Arnel Koster & Art De Hoop

USHERS: Bert deJong, Doug DeGroff, Gordon Atsma, & Richard Westra Jr.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Michaela DeGroot, Sharyl de Jong, Ayla de Jong, Jrue Taylor, Russell te Velde, & Tommie de Jong

NURSERY: Caitlin Hamar, Melissa Berlinger, Patricia Nolen, Carys de Jong, & Selah de Jong

10:30 am Service

GREETER: Gerrit & Judy Bothof

COFFEE: Eddie & Jessica Veenendaal

INFO BOOTH: Ben & Katrina Crawford

SECURITY: Dan Altena & Donnie Veenendaal

USHERS: Aaron Van Dyk, Griffin Forsyth, & Phil Girard

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Tena Ficher, David Verhoeven, Elle Bothof

NURSERY: Julia Truesdell, Anneka Sybesma, & Kapri Ficher

SERVING NEXT WEEK SUNDAY (April 7, 2024)

8:00 am Service

GREETER: Myron & Jodi Schotanus

COFFEE: Dane & Val Moll

INFO BOOTH: Roger & Darlene Wigboldy

SECURITY: Gerrit Dragt & German Lopez

USHERS: Jack de Jong, Joost Verduyn, & Mel Monteiro

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Ashlyn Dodge, Erin Schoneveld, Genevieve Vanden Berg, Carter Hiemstra, Logan te Velde, & Tori Taylor

NURSERY: Caitlin Hamar & Sarena Sytsma

10:30 am Service

GREETER: Justin & Taylor Locke

COFFEE: Arnel & Hester Koster

INFO BOOTH: Clint & Sara Walhof

SECURITY: Ron Kroonenberg & Scott Kostelyk

USHERS: David DeGroot & Jesse Moreno

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Cynthia Davis, Jenna VanderTuig, & Natalie VanderTuig

NURSERY: Caitlin Hamar, Tamara Locatelli, & Emily Majors

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