

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

# REDEMPTION HILL CHURCH



This Week: Pastor Tim Swanson will be preaching on Mark 16:1-8

## He Is Not Dead

### Seven Victories on Easter Sunday

#### What's Going On

**Sun. 04/05**

Easter Celebrations begin @ 8:45

**Tue. 04/07**

Food Distribution @ 12:30pm

**Wed. 04/08**

Youth Discipleship @ 7pm

**Sat. 04/11**

SRJC InterVarsity Prayer Walk @ 10am

**Sun. 04/12**

Sunday Worship @ 10am

**Thur. 04/16**

Prayer Gathering @ 7pm

**Sat. 04/11**

SRJC InterVarsity Prayer Walk @ 10am

**By Marshall Segal**

*"Why do you seek the living among the dead?  
He is not here, but has risen." (Luke 24:5-6)*

The believers who saw the risen Christ with their own eyes and touched him with their hands spent the rest of their lives talking about the resurrection. For sure, they preached crucifixion and propitiation — the central hinge of the gospel message — but the message of the cross was not the most controversial thing they had to say in their day.

The claims the apostles made about Jesus's death were wildly controversial, but they were persecuted and martyred not because of what they said about his death, but because of what they said happened next. The sermons in Acts are filled with the resurrection, showing over and over what it means for those who follow Christ. Almost no one debated that Jesus died, but the Jews violently refused to believe that he rose just three days later.

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The Jews were not as offended by the two blocks of wood as they were by the empty tomb. The largest stumbling block was in fact a boulder, rolled away and preaching the resurrection of the Christ.

Jesus is not dead. And when he rose from the grave, against all of Satan's lies and schemes, he guaranteed for you the greatest realities in the world. Two thousand years later, the resurrection still preaches God's relentless commitment to win every victory for you, including these seven for Easter Sunday.

## 1. God has defeated death for you.

Satan conspired with Judas, Pilate, and the Jewish leaders to kill the Author of life, but God raised him from the dead ([Acts 3:15](#)), "loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it" ([Acts 2:24](#)). And if you believe in him, death cannot hold you either: "Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live'" ([John 11:25](#)).

Jesus rose to prove that he had defeated death. Until he rose, death seemed to swallow up every ounce of life and hope from generation after generation. "For the wages of sin *is* death" ([Romans 6:23](#)), and "*none* is righteous, no, not one" ([Romans 3:10](#)). So, how could sinners have any hope of escaping death?

God had promised everlasting life centuries before, but the resurrection revealed it was certain for his chosen, redeemed, and adopted sons and daughters. Though many had lived and believed and died before him, Jesus was the *firstborn* from the dead ([Colossians 1:18](#)). And if there is a *first*, God means for more to follow him.

## 2. God has purchased all his promises for you.

Jesus rose to prove the Old Testament promises and warnings were truly from God. God's promises have always been the only lifeline of hope for those of us living under the supreme death penalty. But the resurrection brought those promises into fuller and higher definition.

"They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from

## Pray:

- Jasmine Basch: Recovering from heart procedure on 03/16
- Jonathan Bauer: Recovering from knee surgery.
- Brandi Durham: Injured knee and ankle; repeated fainting.
- Linda Hubley: For comfort from the Lord, his Word, and his people. For continuance of the perfect peace she currently experiences. That she would make the most of every day, especially during the "better" periods between treatments. That she would identify and make the most of opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.
- Kathy Hughes (wife of Dan); Diagnosed with stressed kidney, lung cancer. Dan is caring for her and working full time.
- Greg Jackson: God's guidance and direction, family reconciliation.
- Kevin Moore: Comfort over continued grieving over his daughter, Christine.
- Jenn Welch: Recovery from surgery; for strong functioning of remaining kidney.
- John and Debbie Cossey's daughter, Annie-recovering from major surgery.

the dead. . . . *To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*" ([Acts 10:39-43](#))

The promises simply seem too good to be true — until we see God raise Jesus from the dead. Suddenly, what seemed so impossible to man was wonderfully possible and guaranteed with God. 3. God will judge every sin committed by you or against you.

While the apostle Paul was waiting in Athens, he preached, "[God] now commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead" ([Acts 17:30-31](#)).

Jesus rose to prove that he would one day judge all sins. Every sin we have committed, and every sin committed against us, brings God into question. Will justice prevail? Will we all be wiped away and thrown into hell? When God raised Jesus from the dead, he made clear that every sin would be punished — on the cross for all who repent, and in judgment for all who refuse.

If you are alive with Christ, there is now no condemnation for you ([Romans 8:1](#)), and no sin against you will be overlooked or excused by God.

#### **4. God will restore everything wrong or broken in front of you.**

The apostle Peter calls his fellow Jews to Jesus, saying, "Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago" ([Acts 3:19-21](#)).

Jesus rose to prove he would eventually return and make all things right. This last year provides another twelve months of evidence that this world is broken and breaking. And this Easter is another statement that our hope is as alive as Jesus. The world will be rid of sin, including all its causes and consequences. In God's wise and loving plan, that day is not today. But today is a great day to stop beside the empty tomb, and remember what will be one day.

#### **5. Your bondage to sin is great, but God really can set you free.**

Peter healed a man lame from birth, inviting him to finally walk after all these years, in the healing name of Jesus. The priests came to arrest Peter and John, "greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead" ([Acts 4:2](#)). In custody and under trial, Peter boldly says,

"Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." ([Acts 4:10-12](#))

Jesus rose to prove that you really can be saved from your sin. You do not deserve salvation, and you could never achieve it in your own strength and resolve. If Christ did not rise from the dead, hope would have lain next to him in the grave. But he is not dead, and therefore we have hope. Sin condemns us to everlasting judgment and never-ending torture ([Matthew 13:41-42](#); [Revelation 14:11](#)). And sin mercilessly enslaves us

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to death ([Romans 6:16–20](#); [Ephesians 2:1](#)). But God. Christ rose to cancel our debt, nailing it to the cross ([Colossians 2:14](#)), and to set us free from sin for God. Paul preaches about the resurrection,

“For David . . . fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.” ([Acts 13:36–39](#))

For our forgiveness and freedom, Christ has died, risen, and set us free ([Galatians 5:1](#)).

## **6. God will not only rescue you, but people from all over the world.**

Jesus was the promised Messiah of Israel, but he did not die and rise only for ethnic Israel. Again, Paul preaches,

“I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.” ([Acts 26:22–23](#))

Jesus rose to prove God had chosen people from everywhere in the world — not only from Israel, but from Asia, Africa, and America, too. His blood was sufficient to purchase people from every tribe and language and people and nation ([Revelation 5:9](#)). His death not only reconciles us to God, but reconciles us to one another across every conceivable barrier and boundary. And his resurrection is powerful enough to hold out hope to people everywhere on earth..

## **7. No evil can disrupt God’s good plans for you.**

The death of Jesus looked like the single greatest defeat God’s people had ever experienced. Instead of ascending to a throne and conquering his enemies, the promised King had been humiliated and crucified. But at the precise moment when it looked like evil had won, God was wielding every ounce of wickedness to accomplish his greatest victory. As Peter preaches to the Jewish officials,

“Jesus of Nazareth . . . delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.” ([Acts 2:22–24](#))

Jesus rose to prove that God is sovereign even over the worst evil in the world ([Acts 2:23](#)). In the ultimate act of rebellion and injustice, God was pivoting all of history, with love, to save and satisfy his people. And by raising his Son from the dead on Easter, he promised to work all things, including the hardest and most painful things in your life, for the good of all his sons and daughters.

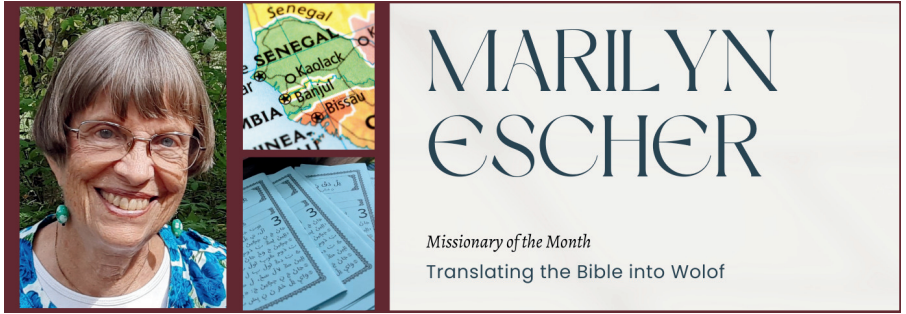
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# PRAY

for the  
Swansons

## Points for Prayer:

- Removal of any fungus on the valve, pacemaker, and in the blood as well as medication side-effects.
- Protection from infectious emboli and vegetations.
- Restoration of natural ventricular heart beat
- Clarity in decision-making and the fungal source.
- Thwarting of spiritual schemes/attacks in light of Revelation 12:10-11.
- Christ's renewing strength, peace, and joy.
- God will be glorified in this affliction and, as John 9:3, says "...that the works of God might be displayed in (me)."



*14,00 Wolof-language bibles have arrived in Senegal!*

## Points for Prayer:

- Passage of the bibles through customs
- Preparations for the dedication ceremonies
- Printing of Scripture portions & oral recording
- Project Jericho, an evangelistic campaign
- Above all, the presentation and reception of God's word, the transforming of lives and building up of the church.



## Wheels for the World Outreach May 16-24

Robin Williams will be heading to San Marcos, Guatemala to serve on a Wheels for the World Outreach. If you would like to support her financially, scan the QR code below or visit:

<https://qrco.de/bgC9WZ>



## 40 Days of Prayer

— through Easter

- Free book for every adult
- Fast together each Thursday, for those who are able

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26

I'm  
praying  
for  
you

## Church-wide Forty Days of Prayer

"When we hear that a friend is struggling, it can be easy to say, 'I'm praying for you', but harder to know what to actually pray. The scriptures provide a resource for that, giving us the words to ask God to do the very things he has told us he intends to do in and through the suffering in a believer's life."

In the forty days leading up to Easter, we're praying together as a church family, guided by Nancy Guthrie's book, *I'm Praying For You: Forty Days of Praying the Bible for Someone Who's Suffering*. Join us!

We are giving away a free copy of *I'm Praying For You* to every adult. Additional copies are available for \$5 (please place payment in an envelope marked, "Book," and place it in the offering box.)

Throughout this season of prayer, we are also asking that those who are able fast every Thursday. For more guidance on this, speak to Pastor Tim or Kelly Hubley.

**Today is Day 40.**

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS



April 26, 2026



Interested to find out more about Redemption Hill Church and what it would mean to become a member?

In this class, you'll:

- Get to know our Elders, and others who are considering membership
- Learn about our Vision, Mission, Beliefs, and Values
- Find out what church membership is all about and why it matters
- Consider how you might become more involved in what Christ is doing in and through Redemption Hill

Attending this class does not obligate you to become a member! However, attendance is a pre-requisite for those who would like to pursue church membership.

Childcare available.

Lunch will be provided.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026



## Serve with the Food Distribution

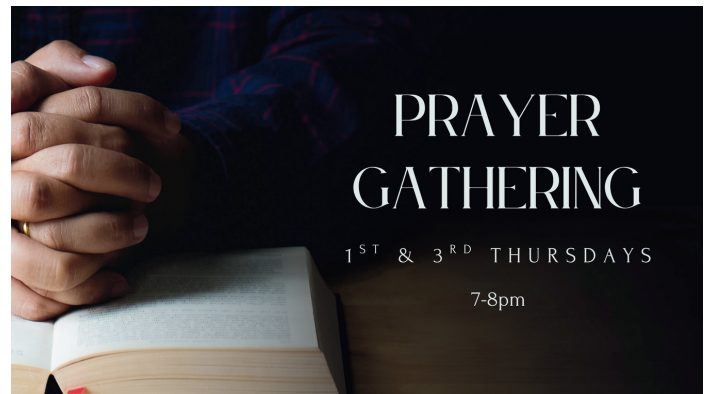
1st/3rd Tuesday  
12:30pm - 2:30pm



## Youth Discipleship: Change of Dates

In a change to the usual schedule, we'll be meeting on the following dates:

- 04/08 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)
- 04/22 (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)
- 04/29 (5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)



## Save The Date:

**04/19/26**

Prayer Gathering after service

**04/11/26**

InterVarsity Prayer Walk at SSU @ 10am

**04/26/26**

Membership Class, 12pm-2:30pm

**04/17/26-04/18/26**

Youth Discipleship All-Nighter

**05/03/26**

Bible Adventure Week Volunteer Luncheon

**06/15/26-06/19/26**

Bible Adventure Week

**06/07/26**

Graduation Sunday; Outdoor Service & BBQ

**10/16/26-10/18/26**

Man Camp

# NEW TO REDEMPTION?

Hi there!

Whatever your background or situation, we're glad you've decided to join us this morning. You might find it helpful to know that:

- There are bathrooms available in the lobby and in the courtyard.
- Nursery services are available for infants. We also dismiss children for age-appropriate learning (toddlers through 5th Grade) during the main teaching time (except on the 5th Sunday of the month).
- A nursing room and changing facilities are available in the Sanctuary building.

Refreshments are available after the service - please stick around and say hi!

We look forward to getting to know you!

## FIND COMMUNITY

Hungry for deeper, authentic relationships? We've got Men's, Women's, and Youth Discipleship Groups to help us grow together in grace. We meet weekly to discuss Scripture and pray. *Contact the Church Office for location and availability.*

### Men's Groups

Mon. Evenings - Santa Rosa  
Tues. Evenings - Rohnert Park  
Weds. Evenings - Santa Rosa

### Women's Groups

Weds. Mornings - Santa Rosa  
Weds. Evenings - Rohnert Park  
Thurs. Evenings - Santa Rosa

### Youth (6th-12th Grade):

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month — RHC Campus.  
Contact Kellen for more info: [kellen@RedemptionHillsSR.org](mailto:kellen@RedemptionHillsSR.org)



Online Giving

## Get In Touch

Mailing address: P.O. Box 571,  
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[office@RedemptionHillsSR.org](mailto:office@RedemptionHillsSR.org)  
Tel. 707-576-0130  
Office hours: Tues 9 am - 5 pm

## Ministry Team

### Elders:

Tim Swanson - Pastor/Elder  
Kelly Hubley - Elder

### Staff:

Wendy Cunningham - Worship Ministry Director  
Kellen Eddy - Youth Ministry Director  
Sarah Mee - Church Administrative Assistant / Tech Team Administrator  
Alisa Swanson - Hospitality & Facilities Administrator

## First Aid

An AED and a Life-Vac anti-choking device are located in the Foyer. A box of other first aid supplies is in the Fireside Room, above the refrigerator.

## LET'S CONNECT!

We'd love to get to know you better and welcome you into our family. If you're ready to get connected, please fill out a few details and leave this in the offering box on the back wall of the Sanctuary. Or, better still, scan this code and fill it out online. Someone will be in touch soon.

First name: .....

Last name: .....

Email: .....

Phone: .....



# O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

## *Verse 1*

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

## *Verse 2*

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

## *Chorus*

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

## *Verse 3*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

## *Verse 4*

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson

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# Resurrection Power

## *Verse 1*

You called me from the grave by name  
You called me out of all my shame  
I see the old has passed away  
The new has come

## *Chorus 1*

Now I have resurrection power  
Living on the inside  
Jesus You have given us freedom  
(Now) No longer bound by sin and  
darkness  
Living in the light of Your goodness  
You have given us freedom

## *Verse 2*

I'm dressed in Your royalty  
Your Holy Spirit lives in me  
I see my past has been redeemed  
The new has come

## *Bridge*

Freedom You have given us freedom  
You have given us freedom  
My chains are gone  
Freedom You have given us freedom  
You have given us freedom  
Hallelujah

## *Chorus 2*

Now I have resurrection power  
Living on the inside  
Now no longer bound by sin and  
darkness  
Living in the light of Your goodness  
You have given us freedom

## *Ending*

I have resurrection power  
Living on the inside  
Living on the inside  
No longer bound by sin and darkness  
You have given us freedom  
You have given us freedom

Ed Cash, Ryan Ellis, Tony Brown

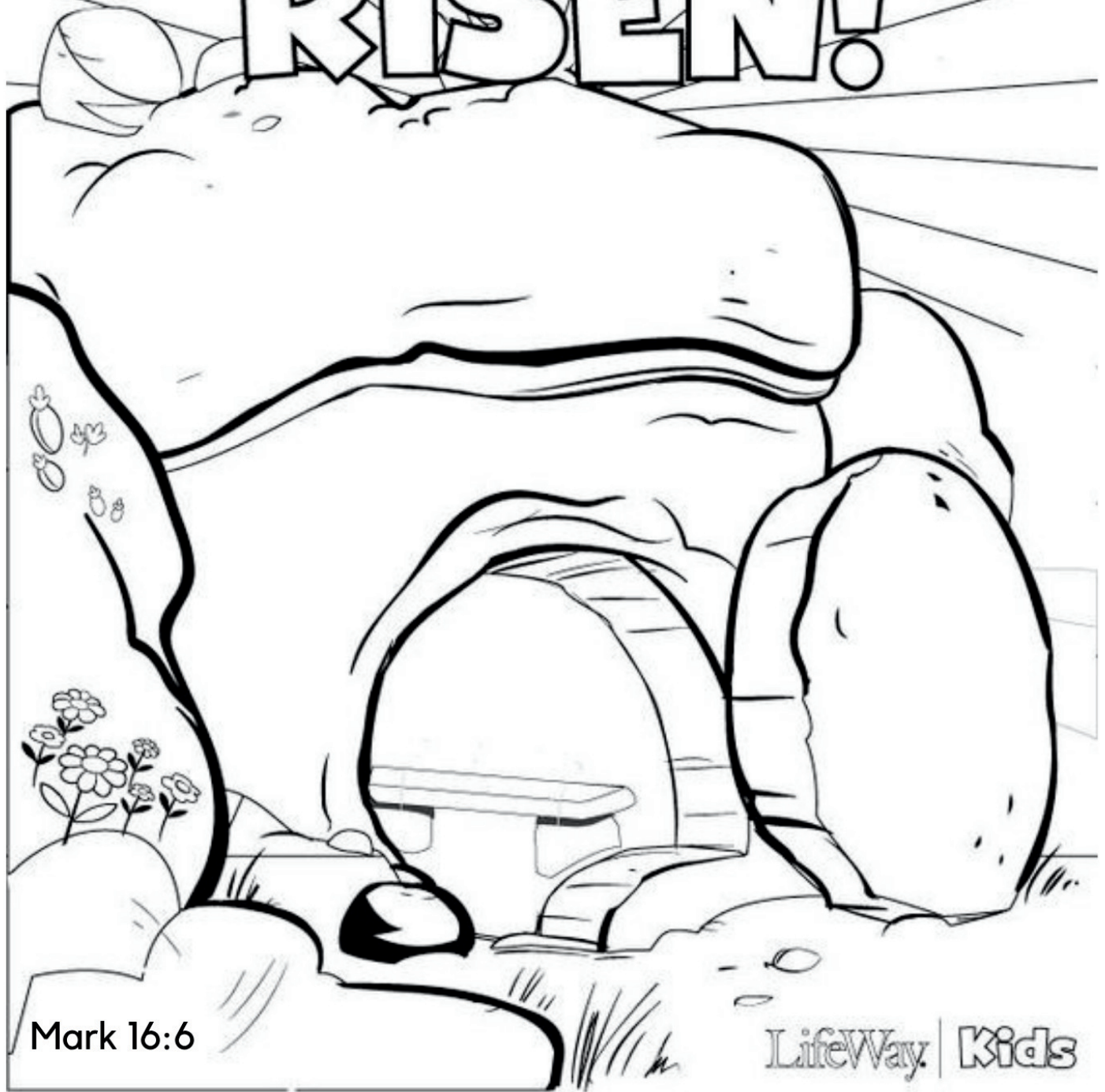
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**HE HAS  
RISEN!**



Mark 16:6

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## RESURRECTING HOPE

Sermon Notes: Easter Sunday Morning, April 5, 2026

Redemption Hill Church, Santa Rosa, CA

PASSAGE: Mark 16:1-8

Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ secures for us a confident \_\_\_\_\_ in contrast to the fearful uncertainties of this life.

### Why Can We Live with Confident Hope, Not Fear?

❖ Christ Has \_\_\_\_\_! (vs. 6)

- \_\_\_\_\_ He is the Son of God; Power over Sin and Death

### Christ's Resurrection Is:

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ to Experience Christ's Grace and the Fulfillment of His Promises (vs. 7)

- Repent and \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ for God's Loving Salvation; His \_\_\_\_\_ is Trustworthy

2. The \_\_\_\_\_-inspiring Foundation of \_\_\_\_\_ through Faith to Testify His Truth (vs. 8)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Yourself to God's Will to Be a Living Testimony of Christ