

Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal Resurrection Sunday

21 April 2019

Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

# Welcome to Worship

If you are reading this in worship, I want you to know something—you are an answer to prayer. Each Sunday before worship, I ask God to bring into our midst exactly who He desires would be there. Since you are with us today, I believe God has a blessing in store for you. I am prayerful as we worship together today, that blessing will be received and enjoyed.

To that end, this service of worship has been designed that we might know God and the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the summons to worship at the beginning to the sending out into the world at the benediction, that you might know God, the truth and joy of salvation, and be equipped to answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Following the service, feel free to approach one of our elders (the men who help serve the Lord's Supper) with any prayer needs or questions you may have. I believe you will find them to be warm, inviting, and eager to serve. Please know I would personally enjoy getting to meet you this morning following the service, so please stop by and see me at the front door of the chapel.

It is my sincere prayer that your experience today at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is one that blesses you spiritually and strengthens your faith in the Lord.

Grace & Peace, Rev. Nate Shurden

### GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

# Prelude—This Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow!

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,

Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:

Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver,

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,

till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1894; Music: 17th century Dutch Melody.

### Announcements & Preparation

## Introit—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I



Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

# Call to Worship—Romans I:3-5; Job 19:25

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: For Jesus Christ our Lord is declared to be the Son of God in power according to the

Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead—through whom we have received

grace.

All: I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

# Hymn of Praise—Christ the Lord is Risen Today



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

# Hymn of Praise—Glory to God! The Morn Appointed Breaks



Text: John Brownlie, Hymns of the Early Church, 1913; Music: Greyfriars, 2016

+++Latecomers Please Wait to be Seated+++

# New Testament Reading—Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

## Sung Preparation—Lord, Have Mercy on Me



# Corporate Prayer of Confession—based on I Corinthians 15:12-20

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Christ is proclaimed as risen from the dead.

All: But we act as if there was no resurrection of the dead.

Pastor: But if there is no resurrection of the dead then not even Christ has been raised.

All: Our faith is in vain because we act as if Christ has not been raised.

Pastor: We misrepresent God because we testify that He raised Christ from the grave,

All: But we live functionally like there is no resurrection.

Pastor: For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

All: And if Christ has not been raised, our faith is futile and we are still in our sins.

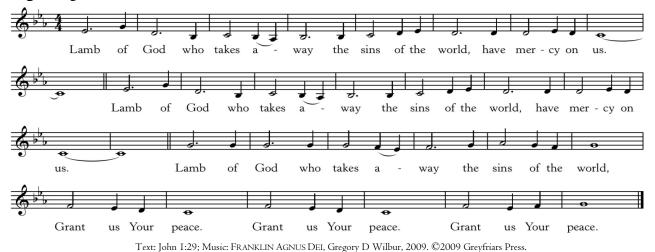
Pastor: If in Christ we have hope in life only,

All: We are of all people most to be pitied.

Pastor: But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them who have fallen asleep.

# Silent Prayers of Confession

# Sung Response—Lamb of God



# Assurance of Pardon—II Corinthians 5:14-15

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

+++Latecomers are Welcome to be Seated+++

# Hymn of Praise—I Will Glory in My Redeemer



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# GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

# The Reading of the Word—Job 19:23-27

<sup>23</sup> "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!

<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see for myself,and my eyes shall behold, and not another.My heart faints within me!

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

### Sung Response—Sanctus



CCLI #11121087 Text: Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Mt 21:9; Music: Franklin Sanctus, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

# Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

#### Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

# Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

# Choral Communion Hymn—O Sons and Daughters

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of Heaven, the glorious King, Over death today rose triumphing. Alleluia! Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia! Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, Who sat, and spake unto the three, Your Lord doth go to Galilee. Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night th'apostles met in fear; Amidst them came their Lord most dear, And said, My peace be on all here. Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blessed are they who have not seen, And yet whose faith has constant been; For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days
Our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise
To Thee, in jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Jean Tisserand, 1494, tr. John M. Neale, 1851; Music: arr by Walford Davies

# Hymn of Promise—What Wondrous Love is This



Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, Southern Harmony, 1835.

# Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment.* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

# Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

# Hymn of Praise—Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah!



Text: James S.B. Monsell, 1863;

# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

### Benediction—Revelation 5:11-12

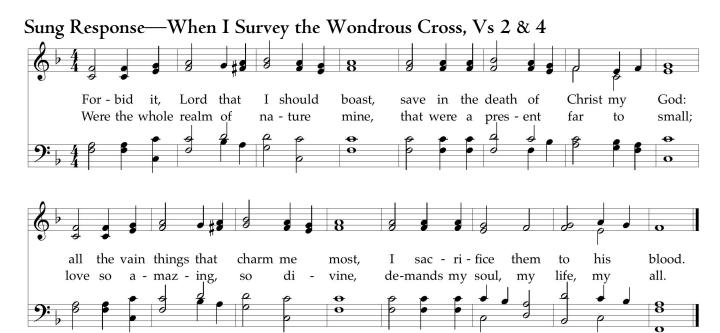
Pastor: I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the

voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and

wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!



Text: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709; Music: HAMBURG, Gregorian Chant, Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824.

Prayer Focus—Colleen McGarry is a local programs coordinator as well as the director of communications for SGI in Nashville. She organizes local volunteer opportunities, specifically English classes for women. She loves to help people overcome their fears and love those that are different than they are. She is also responsible for managing the social media and website for SGI.

- Pray for Colleen's friends from her time in Iraq whose families are opposed to their faith even after many years.
- Pray for wisdom in dealing with deep brokenness among refugee women.
- Pray for opportunities to share hope with the refugee women (both for Colleen and her volunteers).
- Pray for wisdom in mentoring and caring for her volunteers.
- Pray for financial provision for Colleen as well as for the programs she coordinates.
- If you would like to be added to Colleen's personal regular update email or mailing list, email her at abundantblessing@gmail.com.

# Tithes and Offerings

Tithe boxes are located at the chapel entrances to receive tithes and offerings—part of our act of worship and service. Please make your checks payable to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church.

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