

Easter

Sunday, April 20, 2014

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song 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 calling His church to worship Him

Prayer of Invocation

Asking God to be present and to receive our worship through Christ

Reading of the Law

God's perfect law condemns and convicts us of our sin and serves as a guide for the Christian life

Genesis 2:15-17

“The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against Your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But O Lord, have mercy on us. Spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Romans 6:1-11

The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the penalty and power of sin

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We 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. For if we have been united with Him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord is ris'n today alleluia, sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia, sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Lives again our glorious King alleluia, where O death is now thy sting alleluia
Dying once He all doth save alleluia, where thy victory O grave alleluia

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

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

“I Will Rise”

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves,
Louie Giglio, Matt Maher

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul; I can say it is well.

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.

(And) I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings, before my God fall on my knees and rise,
I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near, when this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, worthy is the Lamb.
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, worthy is the Lamb;
Worthy is the Lamb.

I will rise, I will rise.

Prayer of Illumination

Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of His Word

Sermon

“Seeking the Living Among the Dead”

Dr. Todd Smedley

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“In Christ Alone”

Keith Getty
Stuart Townend

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 power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Declaration of Faith—The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I 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.

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Passing the Peace of Christ

Closing Song

“How Great Thou Art”

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow’r thru’out the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

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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 would like to thank the musicians who participated in this evening’s service of worship.

Next Sunday, April 27

Morning Service

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

“Resurrection: From Noun to Adjective”

Ephesians 1:15-23

Rev. Blair Smith

Evening Service

6pm in the Upper Room

“A Man on a Mission” | *Luke 5:17-39*

Mr. Terence Little

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

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