

We Celebrate Our Lord's Resurrection

March 27, 2016 – Easter Sunday

WE GATHER AS THE CHILDREN OF GOD

Prelude

Personal Quiet Moments for Prayer, Meditation, and the Chiming of the Hour*

Choral Call to Worship

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Psalm 118:22-24

✠ Hymn of Praise: 225 “Worship Christ the Risen King”

✠ Call to Prayer

One: He is Risen!

Many: **He is Risen indeed!**

One: Death could not restrain him. The grave could not contain him!

Many: **He is Lord of All**

One: Let us pray together...

✠ Unison Prayer of Celebration

Halleluiah! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

May our call of overwhelming joy resound, not only within the walls of this church, but may it also bless the lives of everyone we meet. May our joy forever be the truth of which we speak. O God, your love was first sown within the ancient garden, and it has always been lovingly shared with your people. That love has always been wonderfully bestowed upon Israel and upon the church, and was made manifest in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May we now readily spread the good news of your love in this place and everywhere we go!

Halleluiah! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Amen!

Words of Celebration and the ✠ **Gloria Patri** (Printed on back)

We Return to God Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement... Special Music... ✠ **Doxology**... Prayer of Dedication

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music:

Chancel Choir

Time for the Children of God

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Printed on back)

✠ Hymn of Preparation: 220 “He Lives”

The Good News Lesson: John 20:1-18 Pew Bible, p.1685

The Message “Taking a Second Look” Rev. Grove

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

✠ **Easter Affirmation and Confession of Faith** (based on 1 Corinthians 15 & Colossians 1)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved...

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe in Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

By the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.

Amen.

✠ Hymn of Commitment: 213 “Because He Lives”

WE GO FORTH TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

✦ Charge and Benediction

✦ Congregational Response 213 "Because He Lives"

Because he lives I can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know he holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because he lives!

Postlude

Worship Service Aids:

The Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end.
Amen. Amen.*

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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."*

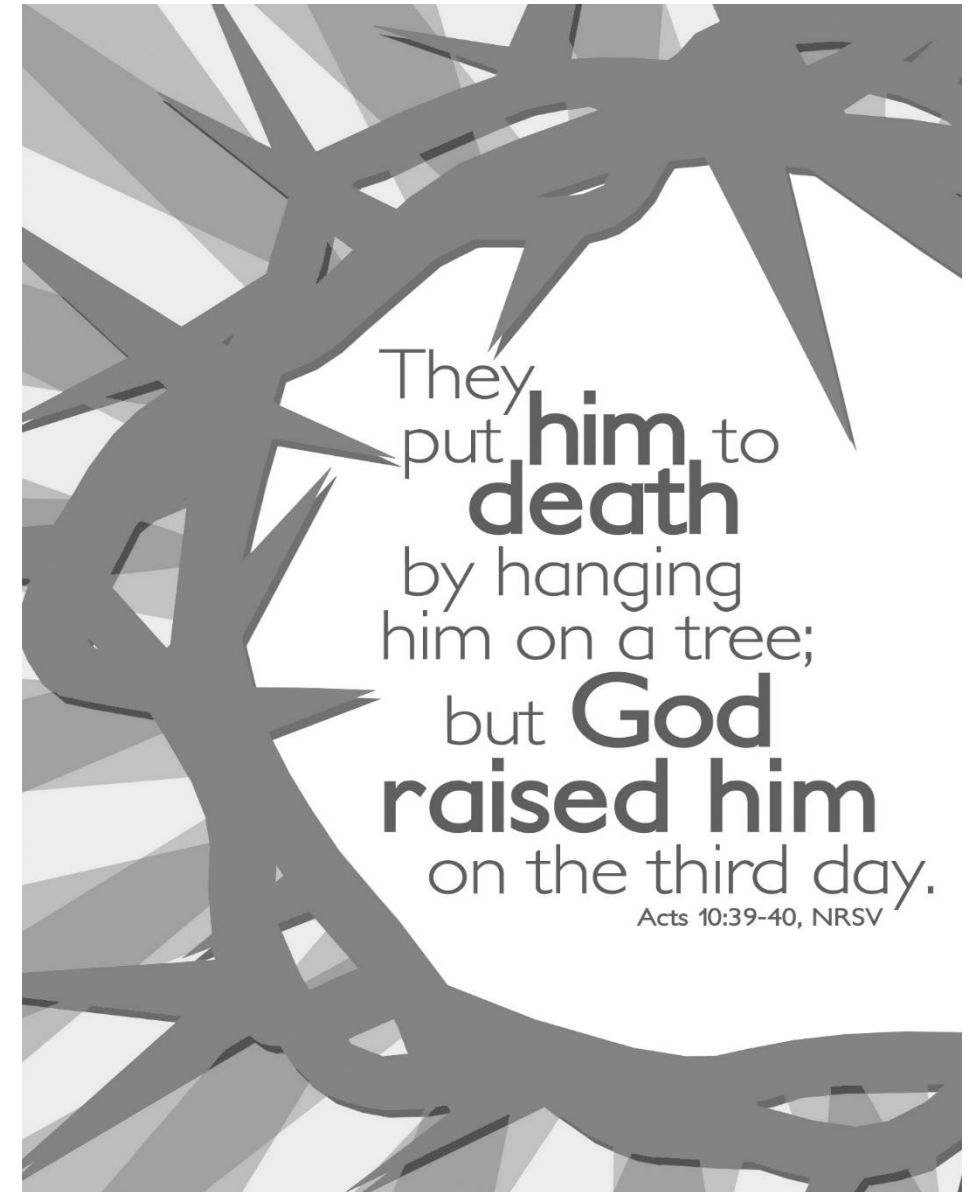
To Our Guests this morning:

A warm welcome is extended to you this Lord's Day. We invite you to join in worship with us as often as you will. If you are looking for a church home which will nurture your faith and will provide you with the opportunity to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ, you may want to consider joining our family of faith.

Those persons wishing to do so can join our church in one of three ways:

by Profession of Faith and Baptism;
by Reaffirmation of Faith;
or by Transfer of Letter from another Christian church.

(This week's Announcements and the Calendar are printed on the Bulletin Insert)



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