

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a liturgy for corporate worship on

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17, 2022

*Do not be afraid,
for I know that you seek Jesus
who was crucified.*

*He is not here,
for he has risen,
as he said.*

- the angel of the Lord
(Matthew 28.5-6)



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Harvest Presbyterian Church

exists by the providence and grace of God

to develop and equip God's people for their calling

to glorify and enjoy him in all of life through

worship, nurture & service

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The Good News

Luke 23.50–24.12

There was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath, the seventh day, they rested according to the commandment.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 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? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

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, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 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.

Beloved, Christ is Risen.
He is risen, indeed!

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.

*Text: Thomas Ken, 1709
Tune: Genevan Psalter, 1551*

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this we rejoice, to the praise and glory and honor of Jesus Christ.

Though you have not seen him, you love him.

Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

from 1 Peter 1.2-9

Worship Christ the Risen King, no. 286

Christ The Lord is Risen Today, no. 277

Almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus; we acknowledge that we are unworthy of your redeeming grace: we have not believed your promises, we have not trusted in our living Lord, we have grieved your Spirit. We have not rested in your redeeming power and have been overcome by evil. We have forgotten the glad tidings of Jesus' victory over death and have lived as if death had won.

But, glory be to you, O Father Almighty, who did on this day raise up your Son from the dead and make us partakers of his victory over sin and death. Glory be to you, O Christ, who for us and our salvation has overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life. Glory be to you, O Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth and comforts our hearts. Blessed be you — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — one God, who brings life and immortality to light through the gospel, and blessed be your glorious name forever and ever. Amen.

adapted from the Book of Common Worship

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Offering

Sermon

Grant Beachy, pastor

I know that my Redeemer lives.

- Job 19.25 -

Hymn of Response

Christ is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame.
We fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to him who showed great love,
And bled for us; freely you bled, for us.

*Christ is risen from the dead; trampling over death by death.
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave!
Christ is risen from the dead! We are one with him again.
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave!*

Beneath the weight of all our sin,
You bow to none but heavens will.
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold you down.
In strength you reign. Forever let your church proclaim:

(chorus)

Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
The glory of God has defeated the night!
Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
Our God is not dead, he's alive! He's alive!

(chorus)

Matt Maher & Mia Fieldes, 2009

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* 'catholic' here means 'universal'

The Lord's Supper

Those receiving communion will please come forward when prepared to do so. Please note: the common cups and the outer rings of the trays are wine.

Concluding Prayer

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give to you our most humble and hearty thanks that when he descended into the grave, you did not suffer your Holy One to see corruption, but did show him the path of life, and raise him from the dead, and set him at your own right hand in the heavenly places. Grant us grace to apprehend with true faith the glorious mystery of our Savior's resurrection, and fill our hearts with joy and a lively hope, that amid all the sorrows, trials, and temptations of our mortal state, and in the hour of death, we may derive strength and comfort from this sure pledge of an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fades not away. Through the merits of the same risen Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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Parting Hymn

Resurrection Hymn

See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen.
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice.
Fulfilled in Christ the man, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

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See Mary weeping: 'Where is he laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us.
Will sound till he appears, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise,
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered!
And we shall reign with him, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2003

Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

*Beloved, the LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace,
now and forevermore, through Jesus, our King and our Savior.*



REMINDERS

Presbytery at Harvest

We have the privilege of hosting the next meeting of Eastern Carolina Presbytery. On Saturday, April 23, representatives from our two dozen churches numerous ministries, including RUF, will gather at Harvest for our April meeting. The day will begin at 9am with a service of worship and conclude when business is done. As the host church, we will be serving both breakfast refreshments and lunch. Volunteers will be needed to help welcome and serve our guests. But we also welcome everyone to attend the meeting, especially the worship service. With questions or to volunteer, please contact Grant (gmbeachy@gmail.com).

Mission Trips!

- **Nairobi, Kenya** to work with *Heart to Heart*, one of our supported ministries, leaving April 29. **They are still in need of English Bibles to take along and donate.** Dan Norvell is point of contact.
- **Fairmont, West Virginia** to work at a PCA ministry called *Camp Dayspring*, serving in construction, VBS and relationship building. Dates are July 16-24. Ken Counts is your point of contact for this trip.

Pure Desire Ministries

Sunday afternoons, from 1:30 to 3:30, we are hosting a Pure Desire Ministries study, entitled Sexual Integrity 101. The first hour is for everybody (family members, betrayed spouses, strugglers). The second hour is for men who want to fight for health in their sexuality. Jeremiah Davis is the point of contact (jeremiah.davis@tuntavernfellowship.org).