



Certain hope
FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

Welcome!

We believe God brought you all here today! May you be blessed, strengthened and uplifted by your time of worship.

GUESTS! – A special welcome to you! We are glad you are here! Please let us know you are viewing today by filling out the “Online Guestbook” on the “Live Stream” page or leaving a comment on Facebook Live. If there is a need or prayer request, you may leave that as well.

Restrooms – Restrooms...if you are here, they are located through the entry way, to the left as you exit the worship area, but since you are watching at home, you probably know where they are when you need it!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - On a normal Sunday we have two opportunities for children ages 2-15. Kids Time is from 10:15-10:50am. Kids Church is for children ages 2-12 during the 11:00 am service. A nursery area for families to use is available during both the 9am and 11am services. We look forward to having you visit soon!

For Families

Children's bulletins are available on the table as you come in. Children's activity bags are located left of the entry to the worship area; the activity bags can be taken into the sanctuary. Families may use the entry area as needed during the service; speakers allow those in the entry to hear the service.

EASTER CELEBRATION – April 4, 2021

SERVICE THEME

Certain Hope for Uncertain Times!

SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY...

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL GEIGER

GREETING & WELCOME

We believe God led you to worship remotely with us today! Thank you for joining us. We extend a special welcome to our guests and invite all in attendance to click on the "ONLINE GUEST BOOK" form or leave a comment on the Facebook Live Stream.

A REMINDER OF WHAT HAPPENED Friday to Sunday Morning...

Selected verses from Matthew 27

27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. 30 They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. 31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

33 They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). 34 There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. 35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 36 And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. 37 Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 38 Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 45 From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. 46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

47 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." 48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 49 The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." 50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

THEN – THREE DAYS LATER . . .

OPENING ANTHEM.....*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today! (CW 157)*

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia

3 But the pains that He endured, Alleluia
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia
Praise Him all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia
Father Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

RESURRECTION DIALOGUE.....

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

M: I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.

Exodus 15:1-2

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.

Psalm 95:2

M: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Psalm 118:17

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

M: The Lord's right hand is majestic in power.

Exodus 15:6-7

The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

C: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

1 Corinthians 15:54

M: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

1 Cor. 15:55, 57

C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

Job 19:25

C: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 11:15

M: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Revelation 7:10

C: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Revelation 5:12

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE.....*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (CW 150)*

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
See the place where he was laid; Alleluia!
Praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!

2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled. Alleluia!
While, in strange and awefull strife, Alleluia!
Met together death and life. Alleluia!

4 Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
Now the firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,

a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

8 he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.

9 In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

HYMN..... *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (CWS 719)*

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

2 For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo.
And in its conquest his might did show.

Refrain

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave cloths are lying there."

Refrain

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."

Refrain

5 Christ has arisen; he sets us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

Refrain

GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:1-8

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.
2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.
3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.
4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.
5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."
8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

HYMN.....In Christ Alone (CWS 752)

1 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.

2 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 ev'ry sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3 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.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SERMON: CERTAIN HOPE FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES!

19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

THANK-OFFERING

Offerings are part of our worship life and heartfelt expression of gratitude to the Lord who has given all we have. Three ways to give...

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EASTER PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

M: Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the grace of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

C: When we are weak be our strength, when we are sad be our song, and when we sin be our salvation.

M: Remove the shroud of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd, and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

C: Wipe away tears born of death, and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.

M: King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will—false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

C: Triumph over our enemies, and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

M: Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, use all in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the power of the Spirit, use all of us to share with a broken and dying world the news of your eternal victory.

C: Empower us to speak your truth and love to our circles of friends, relatives, and neighbors. Bless our efforts to help others to trust the certain hope that Easter promises.

M: O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

M: Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN*I Know that My Redeemer Lives!* (CW 152)

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

**Join us next week to begin a new Series based on today's theme:
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