

Resurrection Sunday, April 24, 2011
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:45AM

Announcements and *Welcome!

- We welcome you to our service today! It is a blessing when God's people gather to worship Him in spirit and truth! We trust those visiting for the first time will sense our desire to follow a pattern of worship derived from God's word; the priorities of which are outlined in the major headings in this order of worship. We invite visitors to sign our Guest Book and to acquire resources regarding our church and mission.
- Each Sunday we participate in a sacrament instituted by Christ to express our communion with him, one another, and to remember Gospel truths. When coming to the Lord's Table, participants are stating that they are baptized believers and active members, in 'good standing,' with a creed confessing church acknowledging Christ alone as the savior of sinners. The sacraments teach us to "see & sense" the promises of Christ.
- We encourage "family worship." Families with young children who practice this at home are welcome to stay for the service. Above all, this time is set apart to focus attention upon God's attributes and actions! Please be sensitive to "distractions" by utilizing our "childcare room" which is staffed by volunteers each Sunday.
- May God be glorified and honored in all that we do in His name today!

Preparation for Worship with Prayer and Songs of Ascent

***Opening Hymn – Christ, the Lord, Has Risen Today! # 277**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth & heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys & triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens & earth reply, 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!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth & heav'n, Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 54:1 – 4

Elder – O God, save me by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might.

All – O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Elder – For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.

All – Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Almighty God, in the company of Your church we remember the life, the obedience, the suffering, the death and the resurrection of our savior, Jesus Christ. We know that this gospel brings to us new life, but we confess that we sinfully neglect living according to our faith in our homes, our work, our doubts, and our fears. Forgive us Lord, of the hurts and harms we have caused. Forgive us Lord, and renew our hearts and minds. Fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit and accept the confessions of our lips so that we may rightly declare Your praise!

Assurance of Pardon

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Song of Praise – Lord, Let Your Glory Fall

Lord, let Your glory fall – as on that ancient day,
Songs of enduring love – and then Your glory came.

And as a sign to You – that we would love the same,
Our hearts will sing that song – God, let Your glory come...

You are good, You are good, and Your love endures.
You are good, You are good, and Your love endures.
You are good, You are good, and Your love endures - today!

Voices in unison – giving You thanks and praise,
Joined by the instruments – and then Your glory came.

Your presence like a cloud – upon that ancient day,
The priests were overwhelmed – because Your glory came...

Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – Deuteronomy 31:9 – 15

(The people of Israel, parents and children, were commanded to keep the law of God.)

Old Testament Prophet – Ezekiel 37:23 – 28

(The Lord will cleanse His people, rule over them, and dwell in their midst.)

Reader – The words of the Lord. Congregation – Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Better is One Day (an adaptation of Psalm 84 & 27)

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.
My soul longs and even faints for You;
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence,
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts, than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells...

[Refrain]

My heart and flesh cry out, for You the living God,
Your spirit's water for my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me,
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You...

New Testament Gospel – Matthew 1:18 – 25

("...you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.")

New Testament Epistle – 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 9

("Christ died for our sins... he was buried... he was raised on the third day")

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***Song – How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He would give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory. (Con'd)

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Behold the Man upon a cross, my guilt upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r's, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection!
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom. {tag}

Sermon:

“But God Raised Him”

(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; Text: Acts 10:40)

Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Affirmation of Faith – 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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was
crucified, dead, and buried, (he descended into hell.) The third day He
arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

Offering

[Please pass the offering baskets through your section toward the back. If you have a special prayer request, please fill out a prayer card (available at the entry table) and place it in the offering basket. Thank you.]

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Communion Through the Sacraments

***Song of Preparation**

(My Song)

Thy covenant kindness did of old, our fathers and their seed enfold;
An ancient promise standing sure, and shall, while heav'n & earth endure.

This little one in mercy take, restore her soul for Jesus' sake.

Resting in faith & hope & love, we claim Thy steadfast Word to prove.

The cleansing outward sign applied, speaks of a pledge, the sanctified,
The church, her feet, to mark her ways; to walk with Christ for endless days.

Sacrament of Baptism [See text box on next page]

Commissioning of the Church

***Closing Prayer & Doxology; Benediction & 3-fold Amen**

*Those who are able, please stand.

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▯ Please join us after the service for refreshments followed by Sunday School classes ▯

▯ Prepare for each Sunday's Service by visiting our website "Worship Service" tab. ▯