

The Lord's Service

April 12, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet God in worship.

Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

*Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16.23-25

LEADER: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
And he is to be feared above all gods.

Hymn of Adoration

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

Invocation

Psalms 115.1

All praise to You, Father Almighty, who has raised Your Son from the dead and has made us partakers of His victory over sin and death. All praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ, who has conquered death and opened to us the way to everlasting life. All praise to You, Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, as it is in the risen and reigning Christ. Come and enable us to worship You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God to whom alone be all praise, honor, and blessing. Amen,

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveal this to us and points our heart towards confession.

Family Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time for silent confession, but also confession as a family of individuals equally in need of God's grace.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Call to Confession

Luke 12.8-9

LEADER: And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

Seated or kneeling.

Family Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
Whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and Whose mercy we forget
in the blindness of our hearts:
cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to You,
confessing our faults,
confiding in Your grace,
and finding in You our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hosea 6.1-3

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

Song of Assurance

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.
(1997 Vikki Cook and Charitie L. Bancroft Worship)

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Zechariah 9.9-17

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

Adoration: (Jude 24,25)

For God's glory, His regal splendor, His majesty
For His sovereign rule and unrivaled reign over history,
accomplishing His purposes
For His infinite love, wisdom, grace, and mercy

Thanksgiving: (Romans 4.25)

For the resurrection of Christ and ALL
attending benefits
For God's promised Presence in all matters
For God's fidelity to His promises, for His tender
mercies morning by morning

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture
throughout our time in
worship, but this
lesson (reading),
prepares us for
the lesson of the sermon.

Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and
sickness, happiness and
sorrow, assurance and
doubt, as we bring our
prayers to God, together.
Holy Scripture commands
pastors to pray with and for
God's people, not just in
corporate worship, but
privately, as well.

For our union with Christ and with one another as
members of His body

For our family, wise counselors, loyal friends

Intercession: (Joshua 24.14,15)

For strength, clarity, faith, courage, patience,
perseverance

For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health
to the nations

For our missionary partners and agencies around
the world

For wisdom, skill, fortitude, courage for all in
authority, healthcare workers, scientists, economic
and business leaders

For containment, reversal, deliverance from COVID-19

For those of us who feel lonely, bereaved, sick, anxious

**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.**

Doxology

A *doxology* is a hymn or
word of praise to God for
His goodness and glory.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy
Scripture through the
service, but this lesson
(reading) guides the
sermon.

Sermon

A preacher is commanded
to faithfully steward God's
Holy Scripture by
submitting to it, studying it,
and expositing it (holding it
forth), bearing witness to
Jesus, by the power of the
Holy Spirit.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28.9-10

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

TAKE HOLD

Thine Be the Glory

***Confession of Faith (in unison)**

The Apostles' Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried;**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the living
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.**

***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.

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith
together using statements
believed by Christians over
the ages, we join in the
sweep of Christian history
even as we await the return
of Jesus.

[†] "catholic" -- universal

God Commissions Us

Benediction

Just as God calls us to
worship at the beginning of
the service with Holy
Scripture, He sends us into
our week with a Holy
Scripture reminder (*a good
word*) of the blessing of
Christ, by God's grace,
through the indwelling
Spirit.

*Closing Greetings

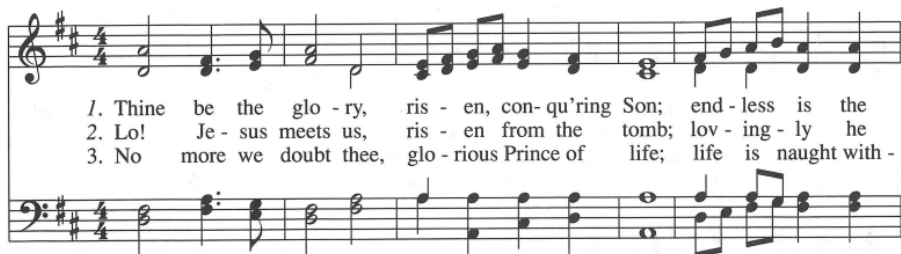
*Benediction

Pastor Jones

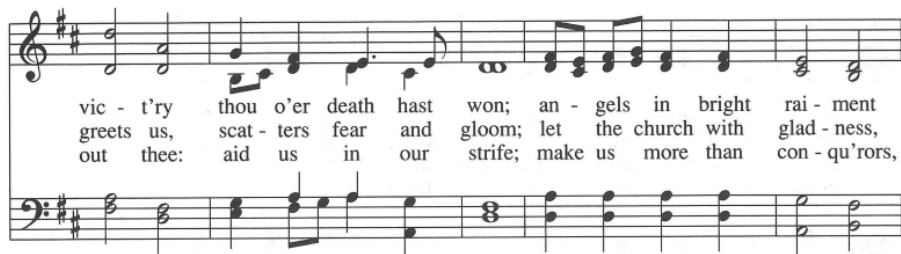
Postlude

Alayne Griffin and Evangeline Wykoff

Thine Be the Glory



1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

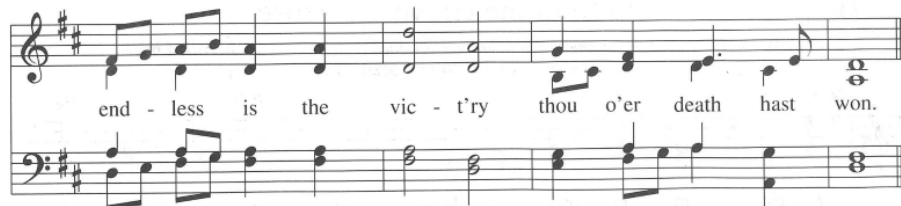


rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

REFRAIN



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

SERMON NOTES

Mission Statement of CPC

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors
by making Christ known in all of life.*

Vision Statement of CPC

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors
by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ,
the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.*