



Resurrection Day

APRIL 1, 2018
10 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible God
Sanctuary Choir with Handbells and Rhythm Section

arr. Mary McDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Pastor: God has claimed us as his own.

**People: He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed!

Shelley Kral

**Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia.

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia.

Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia.

Sing, ye heavens and 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.

Live 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.

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia.

Following our exalted head. Alleluia.

Made like him, like him we rise. Alleluia.

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia.

Welcome!

Whether you are young or old; first time in a church or a long-time worshipper, full of questions and doubt or confidence and joy – or places in between all that - we are glad you are here!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

Please sign the attendance registers located at the end of each pew.

Why do we say he "IS" risen?

Have you ever wondered why the verb tense seems a little off in this statement? For instance, why don't we say he "has" risen? Though it seems odd, we actually aren't getting our verb tenses wrong. Though Christ's resurrection occurred at a point in time in the past (nearly two thousand years ago), Christians have believed that since the moment the resurrection occurred history has been fundamentally re-ordered. We believe death has been swallowed up in victory, and those that believe in Christ will live forever in resurrected bodies in a new heavens and earth. That's a complete re-ordering of all of history! Where once everything seemed continually ordered towards death, when you belong to Christ to faith, everything is now ordered toward life. To say he "IS" risen claims the permanent and ongoing effects of Christ's resurrection for all our lives, for all of history, and for all the world to come.

The Flowered Cross. Central to our worship this morning is a flowered cross. This cross symbolizes how God took humanity's vile instrument of destruction and death and with it judged Jesus Christ, the Judge of the world, as he bore our sins. In so doing, our sins were forgiven and the executioners cross was re-deemed. God turned this means of death into the means of life! New Life and Eternal Hope for all who entrust themselves to Jesus Christ! God provided this for us. We had nothing to do with it, the Triune God did it all! He provides, we receive. We receive, and we share. Therefore we arrive Easter morning with the cross already flowered with life, ready for us to take; ready for us to share. Following worship feel free to come forward and take flowers from the cross home to share with others on this Easter day.

**Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin;
Dwelt among men, my example is He.
The Word became flesh, and the light shined among us;
His glory revealed.

Living, He loved me, dying He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified, freely forever, one day, He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day.

One day, they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain.
One day, they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.
The hand that healed nations, Stretched out on a tree.
And took the nails for me.

One day, the grave could conceal Him no longer.
One day, the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose over death He had conquered;
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him,
The grave could not keep Him
From rising again!

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing.
My Savior Jesus is mine.

O glorious day. Glorious day. O glorious day.

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-10

Beau Sullivan

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lift High The Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim:
'Til all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Him who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim:
'Til all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be;
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

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PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Shelley Kral

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Speak O Lord*

Speak O Lord as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

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SERMON LESSON

John 21:15-22; Acts 3:1-10

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Follow Me: Rise”

Redeemer

Nicole C. Mullen

arr Joel Mott and Jared Haschek

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH EPCL

Beau Sullivan

**My Redeemer's Love*

Christ is Risen! Celebrate the victory! Christ is risen, and His pow'r has set us free.
Love's redeeming work is done; fought the fight, the battle won.
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen from the dead!

I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me.
On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.
Sing O sing of my Redeemer! With His blood He purchased me.
On the cross He sealed my pardon; paid the debt and made me free.

I will sing of my Redeemer and His heav'nly love for me.
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God with Him to be.
Sing O sing of my Redeemer! With His blood He purchased me.
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

Christ is risen! Celebrate the victory! Christ is risen! And His pow'r has set us free.
Christ is risen! Christ is risen from the dead!

Lyrics: Philip Bliss, Lloyd Larson. TUNE: HYFRYDOL. Arranged by: Lloyd Larson

*BENEDICTION

Doug Ashley

*POSTLUDE

Up From the Grave He Arose

David Luna, piano

**Please stand as able*

What does it mean that Christ is “Redeemer”. The word “redeemer” stems from a Latin word meaning “to buy back”, the liberation of any possession, object or person usually by payment of a ransom. The Greek root means “to loose” and so to free. To speak of Jesus as our Redeemer is to speak of him as the one who freed his people from the slavery of sin and set us free (Matt. 20:28, Mark 10:45)! Free to no longer be defined by our sinfulness, but by our beloved-ness. Free to no longer be condemned as unworthy but be confirmed as worthy. Free to see our days as chances to live for Christ and our deaths as personal gain (Phil. 1:21). Free to rejoice that nothing can separate us from the love of God (Rom. 8:39).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP TODAY:

Please join us in Trinity Hall today for a time of fellowship, and refreshments for all ages following our worship service as we celebrate our “new life in Christ.” We welcome all members and visitors here today!

CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR DOUG: Over the next few weeks, Pastor Doug will be meeting with Life Groups in our faith family. If you are not a Life Group member and would like to attend a meeting to talk about who we are and where we are going as a church family, please sign up for one of the meetings which will be held during Sunday classes on April 8, 15, 22, and 29.

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE: The Session has approved a search process for a part-time Interim Music Director. The Search Committee will be made up of a member of the choir, praise team, music committee, an at-large member of the congregation, and a Ruling Elder. Jim Brun will serve as Chair. The interim job description and dynamic worship explanation are available on our website. David Luna will continue to lead our choir and praise team through Mother’s Day and may be extended depending on the search process. Thanks for your continued prayers!

USHERS & GREETERS:

Sunday morning openers—Bob and Barbara Linthicum

April Head Usher—Dave Donaldson

Sunday, April 1 — Ralph & Kathy Diamond, William McCluskey, Buck Birdsong

Sunday, April 8 — Tres Bainter, E. T. Testerman, Mike McMahon, William McCluskey

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, April 1 — Ralph Diamond & Pat Frederick

Sunday, April 8 — Bill Bagley & Bill Franklin

PIONEER CLUBS NEWS:

Pioneer Club and EPC Kids are partnering with Buckner this spring to host a shoe drive concluding the week of June 11-15, during VBS. Our annual Spring Bake sale (to be held on April 15 between church and Sunday School) will also contribute all funds raised to this cause. We are asking that PC kids and our church family bring cash – coins, bills, checks... whatever you can give! – so that we can order shoes to donate to Buckner to use right here in Longview for the annual School Supply Train to be held in August. This ministry enables children in need to start the school year with the tools they need to be successful.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, April 1 — Infants: Betty Wiley & Victoria;

Toddlers: Emily Holloway & Sarah

Sunday, April 8 — Infants: Sarah & Victoria; Toddlers: Larry and Carrie Northcutt

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wednesday, April 4:** Pioneer Clubs, Youth Bible studies, Chancel Choir rehearsal
- **Sunday, April 8:** Communion
- **Sunday, April 8:** Youth supper/fellowship
- **Sunday, April 15:** Pioneer Clubs bake sale (between church and Sunday school) to benefit “Shoes for Buckner”
- **Wednesday, April 18:** Lunch Bunch
- **May 6:** Youth Sunday & Senior Banquet
- **May 12:** Men’s Fellowship Dinner
- **June 11-15:** VBS “Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus”



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