

EASTER SUNDAY

# HE LIVES



**Oakwood**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 31, 2024

# WELCOME | TO OAKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**We are so glad you've joined us today!** We pray that you see Jesus Christ glorified in our midst, and that you are led to glorify Him as well. As a church our vision, by God's grace, is to become "oaks of righteousness", growing roots deep in God's Word, bearing fruit of God-centered holiness and worship, and branching out with Gospel-centered witness and service to State College, Penn State, Central Pennsylvania, and the world.

**Get connected on Church Center:** If you are new here and would like to receive Oakwood news and announcements, or just want to share a prayer request, please see the tear-off section on the last page of this bulletin or send an email with your information to [churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org](mailto:churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org).



**Children in Worship:** *For those with small children, we offer nursery for ages 7 months to 3 years and "Stepping Stones" for 3 years - 1st grade **during the sermon** in both the 8:30 am and the 11:15 am service. For both Nursery and Stepping Stones, children will need to check-in through our Church Center system. PLEASE NOTE: children need to be picked up by a parent during the last song. Unsure what to do? Reach out to one of our ushers or talk to someone at the Welcome Center.*

**March 31, 2024**

**Prelude**

8:30 – Jeff Bell | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

**Welcome**

Associate Pastor Rev. Ben Lee

**Silent time of reflection**

Oakwood Choir

*Easter Song*

*"O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."*

St. John Chrysostom

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**God's Word of Invitation**

*2 Samuel 22:2-3, 32, 47, 50*

He said, "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. "For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? "The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation, "For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to your name.

## 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

### Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Hymn #273

## 11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

### Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

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1. How can it be, the One who died,  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death?  
Sing, sing hallelujah.

2. For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;  
Christ, Christ He is risen.

#### CHORUS

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!  
Oh, sing hallelujah.  
Join the chorus,  
sing with the redeemed;  
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

3. Where doubt and darkness  
once had been,  
They saw Him and  
their hearts believed.  
But blessed are those  
who have not seen,  
Yet, sing hallelujah.

4. Once bound by fear  
now bold in faith,  
They preached the truth  
and power of grace.  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life, life everlasting.

#### CHORUS

5. The power that raised  
Him from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save.  
He frees our hearts to live His grace;  
Go tell of His goodness.

#### CHORUS

#### ENDING

He's alive, He's alive!  
Heaven's gates are opened wide.  
He's alive, He's alive!  
Now in heaven glorified.

### Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Ben Lee

# THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## **God's Law**

*1 Corinthians 15:58*

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number. We do not live consistently as if the resurrection is true. We should be steadfast and immovable in faith, hope, and love, but we are weak and wayward. We should abound in your work, but we are prone to idleness. Our sins present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit and teach us to live more faithfully in light of Christ's, and our, victory over death. Amen.

## **Our Prayer of Confession**

Silent Prayer

## **God's Promise to Pardon**

*1 Corinthians 15:51-:57*

## **8:30 SERVICE MUSIC**

## **Thine Be the Glory**

Hymn #274

## 11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG

### Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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1. What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone in Christ alone  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hands?  
What comes apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ in which we stand

#### CHORUS

O sing HALLELUJAH!  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing HALLELUJAH!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

2. What truth can calm  
the troubled soul?  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace  
and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

#### CHORUS

3. Unto the grave what shall we sing?  
Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

#### CHORUS

# THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

## Responsive Reading

### 1 Corinthians 15:58

Leader: Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

**God's People: But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.**

Leader: We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

**God's People: For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.**

Leader: And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

**God's People: Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.**

Leader: If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**God's People: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**God's Promise to Hear**

*Romans 8:33-34*

**Prayer of Petition**

Elder Doug Sharp

**God's Promise to Provide**

*1 Peter 1:3-4*

**Our Tithes and Offerings**

Oakwood Choir

*Crown Him!*

## 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Hymn #297

## 11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

### Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

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1. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suff'ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in Him we stand

3. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured love untold

4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes

# THE WORD OF LIFE\*

**Matthew 22:23-33**

Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Kiehl

## A SURE THING

<sup>23</sup> The same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question, <sup>24</sup> saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies having no children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.’” <sup>25</sup> Now there were seven brothers among us. The first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup> So too the second and third, down to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> After them all, the woman died.

<sup>28</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her.” <sup>29</sup> But Jesus answered them, “You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. <sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

<sup>31</sup> And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: <sup>32</sup> ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not God of the dead, but of the living.” <sup>33</sup> And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.



**8:30 SERVICE MUSIC\***

**Up from the Grave He Arose**

Hymn #276

**11:15 SERVICE MUSIC\***

**In Christ Alone**

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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  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every 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 power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

# THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## **God's Promise of Blessing**

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

## **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen, Amen.

## **Postlude**

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## OAKWOOD ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

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- ☐ Add my info to the directory
- ☐ Get more info about Oakwood

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going on throughout the week,  
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