



# Easter

Sunday Morning  
*April 20, 2025*





# ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

April 20, 2025 · 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection!  
We invite you to reflect on the following prayer  
to prepare your heart for worship:

*Almighty God, Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.  
Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection,  
may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## PRAISE THE RISEN KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Fantasia (The Resurrection)" ..... Eurydice V. Osterman

CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on John 11; Revelation 5:12 ..... Barton Kimbro (8:00)  
Todd Erickson (9:30)  
David Bowen (11:00)

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes though he die, yet shall he live,

**And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.**

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

**To receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

♠PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 233 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" . . . . . EASTER HYMN

Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Lyra Davidica; arr. John Rutter / I Corinthians 15:57

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 him 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!



✦INVOCATION

✦CONFESSION OF FAITH.....Heidelberg Catechism Question 45

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**First, by His resurrection He has overcome death,  
so that He could make us share in the righteousness  
which He had obtained for us by His death.**

**Second, by His power  
we too are raised up to a new life.**

**Third, Christ's resurrection is to us  
a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... EASTER HYMN

*Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Lyra Davidica; arr. John Rutter / I Corinthians 15:57*

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!**

## TRUST THE RISEN SAVIOR

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,  
You have raised Jesus from the grave  
and crowned Him Lord of all.  
Yet, we confess that we have not bowed before Him  
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.  
You have raised Jesus from the grave  
and shattered the power of sin and death.  
Yet, we confess we remain captive to fear  
and bound by the ways that lead to death.  
Forgive us, Father of mercies.  
Transform us and make us new  
so that we may know the joy of abundant life  
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever.  
It's in the matchless name of our Redeemer, we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Romans 4:25

*He was delivered up for our trespasses  
and raised for our justification.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Mount of Olives* .....Beethoven  
*Words and Music: L. van Beethoven*

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son.  
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs in holy songs of joy.  
Man, proclaim His grace and glory.  
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.  
Man, proclaim His grace and glory unto God's Almighty Son.  
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy, in holy songs of joy.

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING .....Brett Wynne (8:00)  
Josh Preston (9:30)  
Damon Conley (11:00)

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. ....Sarah Logan Song  
*Director of Children's Ministry*

FOLLOW THE RISEN LORD

✦PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

♠HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery" . . . . . Boswell, Papa, Bleecker

*Words and Music: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker / Ephesians 1:3-10*



1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing of the King;
2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, He, the per - fect Son of Man;
3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord u - pon the tree;
4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life;



He, the theme of Hea - ven's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.  
in His liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring, nev - er trace, nor stain of sin.  
in the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.  
but no grave could e'er re - strain Him, praise the Lord, He is a - live.



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come:  
See the true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell - bound man:  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold:  
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope:



look to Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.  
bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.  
Christ in pow - er re - sur - rec - ted, as will we be when He comes.



Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life; but no



grave could e'er re - strain Him, praise the Lord, He is a - live.



The grass withers, the flower fades,  
**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: Victory! ..... George Robertson

- I. Over the Sting of Death
- II. Over the Power of Death
- III. Over the Vanity of Death

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 225 "The Power of the Cross" ..... OH, TO SEE THE DAWN

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend; arr. Mark Hayes / II Corinthians 13:4

Jauna Ellis, soloist

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

✦ Congregation stands and joins:



2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face, bear - ing the  
3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its  
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through your



awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,  
Mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,  
suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death;



ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.  
dead are raised to life, "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.  
life is mine to live, won through your self - less love.

2-3. This, the pow'r of of the cross: Christ be -  
 4. This, the pow'r of of the cross: Son of

came sin for us; took the blame,  
 God slain for us. What a love,

bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
 what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah* . . . . . G.F. Handel

*Words and Music: G. F. Handel / Luke 24:32*

*Congregation joins Choir to sing:*

**The kingdom of this world is become  
 The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;  
 And He shall reign for ever and ever.  
 King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata" from *Symphony No. 5 for Organ* . . . . . Charles Widor

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Alex Schuettrumpf and Joey Moore, trumpet; James Currence, horn;  
 Greg Luscombe and Paul Henry, trombone; Michael Karcz, timpani;  
 Stewart Plumlee, percussion; James Ryan, piano; Leo Davis, piano and organ*

# Chancel Guild Memorials and Honorariums

*Annually, a substantial part of the Chancel Guild's budget to decorate the church throughout the year comes from gifts given at Easter and Christmas in honor or memory of loved ones.*

## **In Memory of:**

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*All the Ministers by Anonymous; Dale Brady, Sallie B, Mary Lynn, and The Walk Small Group by Lucy Wepfer; Our Senior Leadership Team and their wives by Anonymous; David and Lee Bowen by Jim and Pat Corbitt; The Leaders and Members of Overflow Bible Study by Leesa Jensen; David Bowen and his 10 years of service to the Fellows program by Memphis Fellows; Leesa Jensen by Kelly Wells and her Overflow Small Group; Lee and David Bowen by AnneDavis and Tim Vander Have; Our parents and grandparents by Blair and Tom Tait.*

## **In Honor of:**

*Finley and Billy Ruth Van Brocklin by Terry Dabin; Gray and Price Morrison by their children and grandchildren.*



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## Gathering on the Grounds: May 4

We are looking forward to worshipping together outside on Sunday, May 4, on the Poplar Field. We hope you'll join us and invite your friends and neighbors to come with you!

We'll start gathering at 5:00 p.m. for live music, fun, and food; worship will begin at 6. Dinner will be provided—burgers/hot dogs, chips, and bottled water. Bring lawn chairs/blankets for seating. Also, feel free to bring a frisbee, football, soccer ball, etc. for a little competitive activity!

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