

THE LORD'S DAY

March 31, 2024

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Classical Easter Helman

CALL TO WORSHIP From Revelation 5

Leader: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

People: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

Leader: Let us worship our resurrected Lord with wonder and praise!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 277 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Our Father, we confess that it is hard for us to believe what we cannot see. Doubt comes naturally to us, while faith is a gift from you. Even when we do believe, we do not always obey the good commands you set before us. Forgive us these and all our sins. Enable us to trust in the blood of Christ for the atonement of our sins, and to rejoice in His glorious resurrection from the dead. For we pray in Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 11:25–26

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 113 (hymnal, responsive p. 826)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Risen Indeed! Pote

*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20:19–23 (p. 906)

**HYMN 276 Up from the Grave He Arose

SERMON BELIEVING THOMAS
John 20:24–31 (p. 907)
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 286 Worship Christ, the Risen King!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata Widor

**Please stand if able*

***Children may proceed to Jr. Church (age 5–grade 1: Room 112; grades 2–3: Room 110)*

*Welcome to everyone worshiping with us today.
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you
through our fellowship together.*

*If you are a visitor, please complete the attendance register in full.
Upon exiting the main lobby doors,
please accept a gift of welcome bread.*

Serving this morning:

Worship Leaders – Steve Bikle, John Rohrman

Musicians – Adult Bell Choir, Adult Choir, Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro

Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,

Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall, Peter & Rebecca Wells

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

Kindly silence all electronic devices

Activity bags for young children are available in the narthex

Please see an usher if you would like to utilize an assisted listening device

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 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 - lowing 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!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

PSALM 113

Praise the LORD.

Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

Let the name of the LORD be praised,
 both now and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is exalted over all the nations,
 his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.

He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

Praise the LORD.

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Up from the Grave He Arose

JESUS CHRIST.

An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. Matt. 28:2

Canto 1: (A) (D/A) (A) (E) (E⁷) (D/A) (A)

1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior,
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;

(D) (A) (F#m) (E/B) (B⁷) (E)

wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord.
 vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.
 he tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord.

REFRAIN (A) *Faster*

Up from the grave he a - rose, He a - rose!

(D) (A)

with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes. He a - rose!

HIS RESURRECTION

(E) (E⁷) (F#m) (D) (A)

He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

(D) (B) (E) (F#m) (E) (A)

lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a - rose! He a - rose!

(D) (A/E) *rit.* (E⁷) (A) 7

He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

Robert Lowry, 1874

CHRIST AROSE 11.10.ref.
Robert Lowry, 1874

HIS RESURRECTION

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Matt. 28:6

(E) (E⁷) (F#m) (D) (A)

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voic - es, Christ has con - quered death and hell.
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, emp - ty now, its mouth de - clares:
 3. Hear the earth pro - test and trem - ble, see the stone re - moved with pow'r;
 4. Doubt may lift its head to mur - mur, scoff - ers mock and sin - ners jeer;
 5. We ac - claim your life, O Je - sus, now we sing your vic - to - ry;

(D) (B) (E) (F#m) (E) (A)

Sing as all the earth re - joic - es; res - ur - rec - tion an - thems swell.
 "Death and I could not con - tain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's min - ions may as - sem - ble, but can - not with - stand his hour.
 but the truth pro - claims a won - der thought - ful hearts re - ceive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your con - quest keeps us free.

(D) (A/E) *rit.* (E⁷) (A) 7

He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

(D) (A)

with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes. He a - rose!

Jack W. Hayford, 1986

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REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

Henry T. Smart, 1867

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special welcome is extended to all who are visiting with us today. May the joy of Christ's resurrection fill your heart with peace as we worship God together! Following the worship service, please take home any lilies you have contributed, as well as any dishes from the breakfast.

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex to attend the senior fellowship brunch on Tuesday, April 9 at 11:30 a.m. followed by a presentation by David Wynn on his experience serving in Vietnam. Please contact Joan Freed with questions.

Today is the last day to complete and return mowing volunteer forms to Bob McClurken's mailbox or the church office. Volunteers are needed to help keep our property in great shape. Whether you are a seasoned mower or a novice, we invite you to join a three-person team and help a few times a year.

The youth group will be hosting a Caribbean dinner fundraiser at Covenant on Saturday, April 13. The buffet will be open from 5:00–6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to stay and eat with friends at the church or take food home to enjoy. Please sign up in the narthex by April 7 and direct any questions to John Rohrman.

Covenant's Vacation Bible School theme this year is *Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God*. There are many ways you can volunteer to help with this exciting event. Check your church mailbox for a volunteer form or pick one up in the narthex. Please return the forms to Sharon Muhlfeld by May 5 or simply email her with your preference for serving. This year's VBS dates are June 23–27.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, April 7.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 3/31	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 4/1		Office closed
Tuesday 4/2	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday 4/3		
Thursday 4/4		
Friday 4/5		
Saturday 4/6	9:00 a.m.	Women in Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Softball Practice
Sunday 4/7	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Rita Hageman

Joan Keyt

Barbara Kolbe

Mary Lisa Vidunas

Expecting

Emily Waltenbaugh (Sept. 20)

Missions

Bryan Stoudt is serving in Arizona with the Western Division of Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA). He and his wife Sharon are also working with the Paraclete Mission Group as they mentor young couples who are preparing for marriage.

Bryan would appreciate our prayers for the following:

-CMDA Bioethics Conference on April 20— as our culture becomes less welcoming to Christ and Christian values, it is becoming harder to practice healthcare in ways that reflect God's heart. Pray that this new conference would equip CMDA members to think biblically about the pressing issues they face every day, and that God would give them a great turnout.

-pray for wisdom as Bryan and Sharon continue to counsel several couples—over the past year the degree of difficulty, but also the opportunity for redemption, has increased



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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	March 31	April 7	April 14	April 21
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Easter Breakfast	Abigail English	E. Waltenbaugh	C. Rutkowski
Heart Hiders	Easter Breakfast	D. Dietterich	TBD	Dan Hillman
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Caroline Smith	Betty Shaw	Pam Taylor	Barb Markwalter
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Laura Wambold Maggie Wambold	Ashley Benoit Abbie Clement	Nicole Yates Abbie Riggall	Kristen Jones Sarah Rutkowski
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Laura Barbadoro H. Barbadoro	E. Waltenbaugh Rosie Finegan	Alexa Sparks Addie Witmer	K. Hoogenhuis D. Rutkowski
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	A. McMillan	Joy Malysz	Joy Malysz	Paul & Lynn Wichert
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	Jason Clement	Mike & Pam Elwell	Mike & Pam Elwell	Katelyn Reist
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Diane Dietterich	Ella Clement	Martha Moody
Greeters	Andy & Carolyn Ford	Bob & Linda Witmer	Paul & Marie Baldwin	Jim & Diana Lowery
Ushers	Rick Castor Bob Lagonegro Frank Evans M. McMillan J. Medendorp Paul Wichert	Steve Rutkowski Byron Childs Charlie Burger Jim Lowery Ben Muench Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski	David Schmidt Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Drew Sparks	Mark Kleeman Ken Markwalter Charles Freed Brandon Jones Jeremy Riggall George Schmidt Henry Schultz

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is to help people know Christ,
grow together in the grace of Christ,
and advance the kingdom of Christ,
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*