



April 19, 2020

9:30 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(John 20:19-20)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Diane

PRELUDE

Arise, My Soul, Arise (Chodan)

Arr. D. Forrest

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

L: This is the good news which we proclaim to you. Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

P: We walk in the light of his love.

L: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

P: We live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

L: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord.

Refrain:

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

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God and Lord of life, sometimes it is hard to believe. We find ourselves needing to see clearly and fully. Sometimes it is hard to believe that the resurrection of Jesus Christ really happened. Forgive our doubt and slowness of heart. Help us to believe anew and in the great power of Easter life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the power of the resurrected Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Greatorex

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

THE SERMON

The Worth of Faith

HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

(vs. 1-3) 829

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn today; wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

I Surrender All

arr. I. Wei

Piano Duet: Jan Brachel, Jamie Reed

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

THE BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Because He Lives

And because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

POSTLUDE

Thine Be the Glory

arr. R. MacDonald

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Flowers given by: Jean Hein

In Memory of Marvin Hein

Other Announcements

Contributions are welcome in the Church Office or by Electronic Bank Transfer.

During this time, if people would like to make special Capital Fund donations for the Sound System, Security, the Solar System, etc., just make a note of the above on the memo portion of your check.

VPC Financial / Attendance Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance	
March-2020		Through Week # 15	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 67,359	2020 Attendance	**
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 106,520	2019 Attendance	361
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 197,524	*YTD 2020 Attendance	5272
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 263,233	*YTD 2019 Attendance	6631
**as of noon 4/14/20 number of on line devices tuned into Easter Sunrise service = 246; into 9:30 a.m. service = 480			
D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member			