

**WELCOME** to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

**Visitors:** Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall.

**Children:** Children up through 2nd grade are invited to "The Kids Room," Room #4, during the worship service. Children 3rd grade and up remain in the worship service. Children who remain in the service can obtain an activity bag in the sanctuary.

**Prayer Request Cards:** Anyone who would like the Prayer Ministry to pray for someone, please pick up a blue Prayer Request Card located in the Narthex next to the office and in the pews. All cards are kept confidential.

**The History of Christianity: From the Disciples:** Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 5. The Inquisitors explores and attempts to understand "The History of Christianity from the Disciples through the Dawn of The Reformation," with Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. The course will address what are usually regarded as the more "religious" aspects of Christianity: its experiences and convictions, its beliefs and practices, its mode of worship and its manner of life. For more information, contact Grant Stitt (396-3549 or email stitt@unr.edu).

**Campus Ministry** has 26 tickets for the fundraiser at Gaslight Theater on Mothers Day. It is a Campus Ministry Fundraiser on May 12. Look for the weird professor in Fellowship Hall after the service today. Cost is \$35.

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** During the Lenten season, we Presbyterians, nationwide, join together to fulfill the needs of others during the time of disaster. You may ask "Where does our money go?" A gift to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGH) enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by national disasters, provide food for the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Please contribute by using the special envelope in your box or use the pew envelope with your check to VPC marked OGH. Thank you.

**A Celebration for Joel Pierce's Last Sunday at VPC:** Sunday, April 28 during and after Worship. More details in the Valley Voice.

**Come Join Us** as we write notes of encouragement to Youth on Their Own (YOTO). We will meet this Wednesday, April 24 in Classroom 5 at 2:00 p.m. We'll have brightly colored paper, inspirational sayings, markers and stickers in abundance to help us create inspiring notes to accompany monthly stipend checks for YOTO students.

Thank you to our volunteers!

**Coffee Fellowship**

Joan & Steve Larson  
Barbara Dittmer

**Information Center**

Pat Bruner

**Medical Team**

Marvin Clark

**Visitor's Table**

Rick & Pat Nau

**Welcome Centers**

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

**La Posada Service of Worship**

Linda Freeman, Darlene Herrick  
Parker Long

**Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:**

Bruce Bohor, Roger McFarland

**Flowers given by:** Rev. Mark A. Medina

In honor of the Congregation, the Pastoral Staff  
and Support Staff

**Easter Lilies given by:** see insert

**The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ**



Joyce Wasson April 10



**Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:20 a.m. Announcements & Welcome  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service Begins

Week #15 (thru 4/14/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$12,551	2019 Attendance	361
Weekly Giving Budget	\$15,789	2018 Attendance	374
*YTD Giving Income	\$258,197	*YTD 2019 Attendance	6,631
*YTD Giving Budget	\$304,457	*YTD 2018 Attendance	7,212
<small>*YTD: Year-to-Date</small>			
<small>2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member</small>			



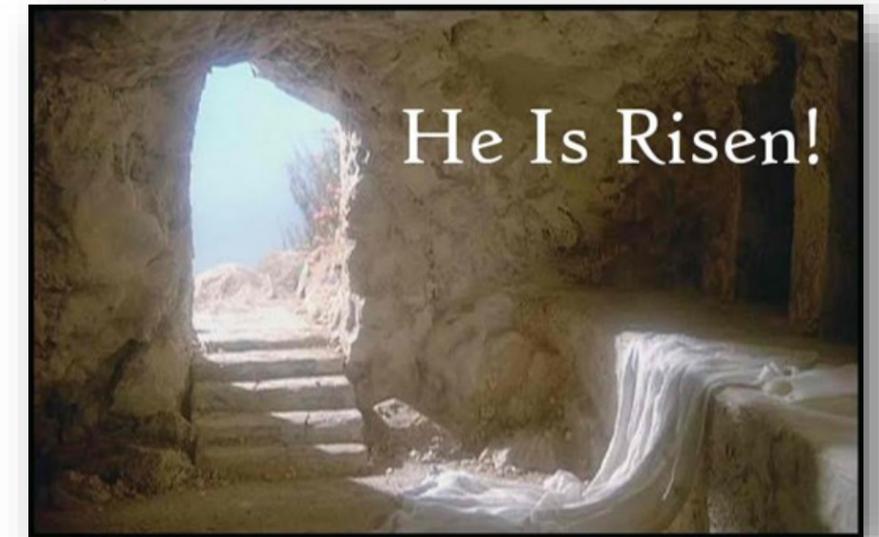
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JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*  
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.

✦ All those who are able, please stand

April 21, 2019

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Walking from the empty tomb, opening wide the gates of life: Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! Lord of life, You defeated death to show that we can rise from all that binds us to the world: pride, envy, anger, fear, the debt of sin that holds us here. Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! Amen.

**9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH** Rev. Christopher  
*Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POURING OF THE WATER**

L: Jesus is the Living Water. P: Praise be to God.

**RINGING OF THE EASTER BELL**

**PRELUDE**

*Toccata*

Daniel Gawthrop

**INTROIT**

*Christ Is Alive*

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

re: Worship

Rev. Medina

*Come quickly to the tomb to see the place where Jesus was laid.  
Look! The stone is rolled away! He is not here!  
Just as He said, He would conquer death.  
We can see for ourselves this awesome sight.  
Christ is Risen! Alleluia!  
Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!  
Let us worship God for new life.*

◆HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* Easter Hymn 123

INVITATION TO PRAYER OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

RESPONSE TO ADORATION *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* (v.1) 111

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ANTHEM *Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!* Jay Althouse  
Sanctuary Choir; Mike Finkelstein – trumpet;  
**Congregation when invited**

Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen as he said.  
Alleluia, sing his praises! He is risen from the dead.

Now a brighter day is dawning; hear the angel voices cry.  
All the earth with joy is waking. Glory be to God on high.

See the tomb where he was taken; now the stone is rolled away.  
He ascended up to heaven on this joyful Easter day.

He has triumphed over darkness, rising up to heav’n on high.  
Christ is risen, alleluia! Sing to the earth and sea and sky!

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen as he said.  
Alleluia, sing his praises! Christ is risen. Christ is risen.  
For Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

CONFIRMATION Sophia Szabo

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Elder Carol Peeler

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10:34-43

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “*A New Day in The Resurrection of Jesus*” Rev. Medina

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

◆HYMN *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* Hymn to Joy 104

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*\*If you haven’t already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *Coronation* Craig Courtney  
Sanctuary Choir; Mike Finkelstein, trumpet

Crown him, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Prince of peace.  
Crown him, the one who died and rose again to live forever more.

Crown him, the Bread of Life, High and Holy Priest, Bright and Morning Star. He holds the keys of death. He holds the keys of hell. He is ruler of the kings of earth. Crown him, behold your King.  
(sung twice)

See him coming on the clouds. Every eye shall see him who they have pierced. See him who is the first and is the last, Alpha and Omega. He is the Living One, he who is and was and who is to come. He has loved us unto death. He has freed us by his blood. He is the mighty Son of God. Crown him, behold your King.

Behold him! Behold him! Behold him! Behold him!  
Behold your King, Behold the Lord of lords and King of kings.  
Crown him!

◆DOXOLOGY Old One Hundredth 592  
**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.**

◆PRAYER OF DEDICATION

◆HYMN *To God Be the Glory* To God Be the Glory 485

◆BENEDICTION

◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *The Hallelujah Chorus* G.F. Handel  
Sanctuary Choir; Congregation

◆POSTLUDE *Festival Toccata* Percy Fletcher  
**OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!**

*Worship Aids/Sermon Notes*

Sermon: “*A New Day In The Resurrection of Jesus*”  
Scriptures:

**Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. <sup>39</sup>“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup>He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**John 20:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” <sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. <sup>11</sup>Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup>and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup>They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” <sup>14</sup>At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabbani!” (which means “Teacher”). <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.