

**DIVINE WORSHIP**  
*The Lord's Day*  
**April 1, 2018**

The worship of Almighty God is man's highest calling. In John 4, God tells us that He is actively seeking those who will worship Him in spirit and truth. Thus, we must prepare to love God corporately with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength in the worship service. Take a moment now to reflect on the glory and wonder of God. Pray and ask God to assist the minister in the leading of worship and the preaching of the Word and to open your heart to receive the truth that you will be enabled to commune most deeply with your Savior.

Prelude **“Christ Arose”** *Mrs. Janice Jones*

Announcements *Rev. Richard Thomas*

Signature of Friendship  
(Please sign the red signature pad in the pew rack.)

**PRAISING THE LORD**

Introit **“He Has Overcome”** *Children's Choir*

Call to Worship **Matthew 28: 1-6** *Rev. Thomas*

Pastor: Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

**People:** **And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.**

Pastor: His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

**People:** **But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.**

Pastor: He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.”

**All: He is not here; for His is risen! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise #286  
**“Worship Christ the Risen King”**

Affirmation of Faith *Ruling Elder E.C. Burnett*  
**Apostles' Creed**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilot; was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen*

Gloria Patri *RE Burnett*

*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.*

Worshipping the Lord with Tithes and Offerings *RE Burnett*

Offertory **“I Love Thee”** *Mrs. Jones*

\*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.*

**HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD**

Anthem **“Redeemer”** *Choir*

Who taught the sun where to stand in the morning?  
Who told the ocean you can only come this far?  
Who showed the moon where to hide 'til evening?  
Whose words alone can catch a falling star?

*Well I know my Redeemer lives, I know my Redeemer lives,  
All of creation testify, this life within my cries,  
I know my Redeemer lives*

The very same God that spins things in orbit  
He runs to the weary, the worn and the weak  
And the same gentle hands that hold me when I'm broken  
They conquered death to bring me victory

To take away my shame  
And He lives forever, I'll proclaim  
That the payment for my sin  
Was the precious life He gave  
But now He's alive and  
There's an empty grave

Prayers of God's People *RE Burnett*  
(Dismissal of 3 & 4 yr. olds to Children's Church)

Hymn of Preparation #276

**“Up From the Grave He Arose”**

Reading of Scripture **Hebrews 12: 2** *Rev. Thomas*

Preaching of God's Word **“Enduring the Cross”**

**DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD**

\*Hymn of Response #277

**“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

Benediction

\*Postlude *Mr. Klinzing*

**\*Those that are able, please stand.**

**Evening Worship**

There will be no evening services at Mt. Calvary tonight. Your Session encourages you to worship the Risen Christ with your family. Let us boast in the Cross- let us boast in the Empty Tomb!

**Visitors**

We welcome all of our visitors today and hope you experience vibrant worship and warm fellowship. You are heartily invited to enjoy a cup of coffee in our fellowship hall after the close of worship. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today.

**Easter Flowers Adorning the Sanctuary:**

<b><u>In Loving Memory</u></b>	<b><u>Given By</u></b>
Mr. & Mrs. L. L. Harrison, Sr.	The Harrisons & Christophers
Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Christopher	The Christophers
Mr. & Mrs. Augustine Miller	The Family
Mr. Jim Price	Shirley Price & Family
Jack Steadings, Olin & Judy Ledford	Dean & Kim Ledford, & Family
Our Parents, Joe & Ann Swistak,	Gary & Joyce Swistak
John & Mildred Copelton	Gary & Joyce Swistak
Mr. Maynard Cole	Carol & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Rentz	Skip & JoAnn Rentz
Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Parker	Skip & JoAnn Rentz
Mr. Bill Hipp	The Family
Mr. Dean Rhodes	Jack & Emily Rhodes
Mr. & Mrs. R.M. Galloway	Johnny & Joy Galloway
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. West, Jr.	Johnny & Joy Galloway
Our Lost Loved Ones	Bruce & Barbara Bishop
<b><u>In Honor</u></b>	<b><u>Given By</u></b>
Jack, Kate & Ella Perry	Lewis & Nancy Harrison
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren	Wendell & Mary Jo Christopher
Alexia Newman	Friends
Steve & Lea Ann Sorensen	Friends
The Don Bloxham Family	Friends
The Richard Thomas Family	Friends
The David Sanders Family	Friends
The Brian McCollough Family	Friends
The Choir, Janice Jones, Eric Sparks,	
Phyllis & Marshall Holder	Friends
Howard & Janice Cooper	Friends
Joyce Lipscomb	Friends
Michael & Julie West	Friends
Jason Galloway	Friends
Winfred & Betty Ann Corn	Friends
Alton & Kay Stephens	Friends
Angela DePaul	Friends
Wendell & Mary Jo Christopher	The Family
Lewis & Nancy Harrison	The Perry Family
Sharon & Jim Perry	The Perry Family
Jackie Steadings	Dean & Kim Ledford, & Family
Robyn Wright, Jake, Andy, Sam, & Charlie	Jim & Sharon Perry

**Insight into Worship:**  
**The Resurrection of Jesus**  
The resurrection of Jesus Christ is THE thing which separates the Christian religion from all others. Resurrection truth causes unending blessing to flow. For instance, because Jesus is risen, all believers know *they* will be resurrected when Jesus returns. It is precisely because of the resurrection of Christ we have the confidence that we, along with all those who died in Christ before us, will be raised to an eternal and heavenly existence! The resurrection is THE historic event that distinguishes disciples of Christ from all other religions. How so, you might ask? Well, the leaders of all other religions died and they remain dead. The Buddha died sometime between the sixth and the fourth century BC. Muhammed died in 623 AD. Not so with Christianity. Jesus died about 29 AD. But He did not stay dead. Before hundreds of witnesses (I Cor. 15: 6), He was powerfully raised from the dead and walked the earth for forty more days. He then ascended to heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father, very much alive, ever to rule and intercede for His children. *He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

