

DIVINE WORSHIP

The Lord's Day

April 21, 2019

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 **"Welcome, Happy Morning!"** *Mrs. Janice Jones*

Announcements *Rev. Richard Thomas*

PRAISING THE LORD

Introit **"Then Came the Morning"** *Choir*

Call to Worship **Psalm 16**

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer *Rev. Thomas*

*Hymn of Praise **"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"** #277

Affirmation of Faith *Ruling Elder Bill Pierce*
Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 52

Q. 52. How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

A. Christ was exalted in his resurrection, in that, not having seen corruption in death, (of which it was not possible for him to be held,) and having the very same body in which he suffered, with the essential properties thereof, (but without mortality, and other common infirmities belonging to this life,) really united to his soul, he rose again from the dead the third day by his own power; whereby he declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of quick and dead: all which he did as a public person, the head of his church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.

Gloria Patri *RE Pierce*

*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.*

GIVING TO THE LORD

Worshipping the Lord with Tithes and Offerings *RE Pierce*

Offertory **"Holy Ground"** *Mrs. Janice 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

Special Music **"Living Hope"** *Band*

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

*Hymn of Preparation

"Behold Our God"

Who has held the oceans in His hands; Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice, all creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God, seated on His throne, come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord; Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hand, bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave, Jesus Savior risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! Let Your glory fill the earth!

Reading of Scripture **Mark 16: 1-16** *Rev. Thomas*

Preaching of God's Word **"The Consequence of the Resurrection"**

DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Response

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm thro' the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Not guilty in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

*Benediction

*Postlude ***Those that are able, please stand.** *Mrs. Jones*

Evening Worship

There are no evening services tonight. Your Session encourages you to ponder the wonder of the Lord's resurrection with your family in worship and praise.

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 and join us for Sunday School beginning at 11:00 am. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today.

Easter Flowers Adorning the Sanctuary:

In Loving Memory

Helen H. Bennett
Mr. & Mrs. Augustine Miller
Mr. Jim Price
Mr. Martin Miller
Our Parents, Joe & Ann Swistak,
John & Mildred Copelton, David Copelton
Mr. Maynard Cole
Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Rentz, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Parker, Sr.
Mr. Bill Hipp
Harley & Alma Parks
Don & Lois Sproull
Mr. Charles Vise
Jesse & Gussie Vise

Given By

The Pierces
The Family
Shirley Price & Family
Aldon & Anna Miller Knight & Family
Gary & Joyce Swistak
Gary & Joyce Swistak
Carol & Family
Skip & JoAnn Rentz
Skip & JoAnn Rentz
The Family
Mike & Nancy Parks
Mike & Nancy Parks
The Vise Family
The Vise Family

In Honor

Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
Our Grandchildren
Our Grandchildren
Ann Miller
Alexia Newman
Steve & Lea Ann Sorensen
The Don Bloxham Family
The Richard Thomas Family
The David Sanders Family
The Brian McCollough Family
The Choir, Janice Jones, Eric Sparks,
Phyllis & Marshall Holder
Howard & Janice Cooper
Joyce Lipscomb
Michael & Julie West
Jason Galloway
Darryl & Nancy Owings
Alton & Kay Stephens
Angela DePaul
Lewis & Nancy Harrison
Jimmie & Sharon Perry

Given By

Wendell & Mary Jo Christopher
Lewis & Nancy Harrison
Sharon & Jim Perry
Aldon & Anna Miller Knight & Family
Friends
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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 blessings 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!*

