



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JUNIOR WORSHIP BULLETIN



EASTER SUNDAY
March 31, 2024

HE IS RISEN



Today we celebrate what our faith is built on — Jesus lives! He paid the price for our sins by dying for us on the cross. Jesus is more powerful than sin and death. He rose again on that first Easter Sunday. Because Jesus lives, those who put their faith and trust in him will live forever with him in heaven. Alleluia!

Please use this bulletin to help you participate in the worship service. Follow along so you can learn more about our awesome God, the ways he shows his love for you, and how you can love him back!

Choral Introit

★ Alleluia means "Praise the Lord".

"An Easter Call to Praise"

CHOIR: Let all the world rejoice and sing. Let every festive bell now ring.
Worship with joy the risen King! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

This is the day that Love has made. Jesus has risen from the grave.
Easter is rolling stones away. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Run to the garden see the sight. All of creation blooming bright.
Come and celebrate the Light. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let us all join our hearts as one. See now the rising of the Son!
Rejoice! A new song has begun! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



The **Call to Worship** opens each worship service. From the verses below:

★ Put a box □ around the words that describe what “all the earth” does.

From **Psalm 66**

PASTOR: *Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!*

PEOPLE: **How awesome are your deeds!
All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.**

PASTOR: *Come and see what God has done;
he is awesome in his deeds
toward the children of man,*

PEOPLE: **He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There did we rejoice in him,
who rules by his might forever.**

PASTOR: *Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.*

ALL: **Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!**



Hymn of Adoration The first hymn we sing together reminds us who God is and why he is worthy of our worship.

★ Because Jesus has risen, what does this hymn remind us will be true for those who love and trust in Him? (Hint: look at the last verse)

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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ALL:

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!



Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!

Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!



Invocation

In this prayer we ask God to be with us and to guide us in our worship of him.

Profession of Faith • The Apostles' Creed

This is a summary of what the Bible says. It is a basic statement of what ALL Christians believe. As we say it together, ask yourself whether you believe all these things.

★ Circle ○ words that talk about the first Easter.

ALL:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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



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★ As we sing this hymn, we are reminding each other and telling God that we know he is #___ (fill in the blank).

"Thine Be the Glory"

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ALL:

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love:
bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.



Confession We pause in our worship to tell God that we recognize the things we have done wrong, our sins. It is important to do this so that we can go forward knowing that there is nothing we are hiding from him.

Corporate Confession First, we will confess together general sinse we all commit. Next, we will have a silent time for you to confess your sins to God. Be specific!

From Romans 3 and Mark 16

PASTOR: *Now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.*

PEOPLE: For there is no distinction:
for all have sinned
and fall short of the glory of God.
Lord, we confess that we have sinned
and fallen short of your glory
in thought, word, and deed.
Though Christ has been raised,
we are full of fear and doubt.
We trust in ourselves rather than in you.
Instead of proclaiming your good news to the world
and living in light of the resurrection,
we are silent.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Silent Confession Think about ways you have gone along with the things of this world that are not what God would want you to think, say, or do.



Please forgive me, God.
Help me to live each day for You.

Assurance of Pardon The Pastor reminds us of God's promise to forgive us.

★ One way to think about what justified means is that God looks as just-as-if-I'd never sinned. underline _____. how we are forgiven and justified.

From Romans 3

PASTOR: *People of God, Christ is Risen! You have been justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Litany for Easter

PASTOR: *O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your victory, we pray to you:*

PEOPLE: **Hear us, Lord of glory.**

PASTOR: *O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:*

PEOPLE: **Hear us, Lord of glory.**

PASTOR: *O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. Through your victory, we pray to you:*

PEOPLE: **Hear us, Lord of glory.**

PASTOR: *O Christ, you are glorified by angels in heaven, and worshiped on earth. On the glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:*

PEOPLE: **Hear us, Lord of glory.**

PASTOR: *Save us, O Christ our Lord, in your goodness, extend your mercy to your people who await the resurrection, and have mercy on us.*

PEOPLE: **Hear us, Lord of glory.**

PASTOR: *O Merciful God, You raised Your beloved Son, and in Your love You established him as head of Your church, and ruler of the universe. By Your goodness we pray:*

PEOPLE: **Hear us, Lord of glory.**

PASTOR: *O God, You gave Your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

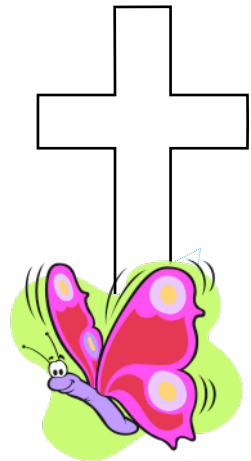
ALL: **Amen.**

Offertory

We give back to God to help his church and his people because of the greatest treasure God has given us — his Son, Jesus. Giving back to God doesn't just include money. It also includes using our time and our abilities to serve him. These are ways we can say "thank you for saving me and bringing me into Your family."

"Jesus is Risen"

CHOIR: *Jesus is risen! Sing alleluia!*
New life is given, hope is restored.
Let there be singing, worship bells ringing,
all the world bringing praise to the Lord.
Spring is beginning, run to the garden.
Life now is winning, death is no more.
All of creation bring celebration,
shout to the nations, Jesus is Lord!
Heaven has spoken, shout from the mountains,
chains are all broken, life is set free;
sin is forgiven, love now our mission.
Jesus is risen, risen indeed! Jesus is risen indeed!



Hymn of Preparation This hymn points us to the ideas that will be in our lesson today.

★ What's another name for "The Day of Resurrection"?

"The Day of Resurrection!"

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ALL: The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from this world to the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to His accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth her song begin;
let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein;
invisible and visible
their notes let all things blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.



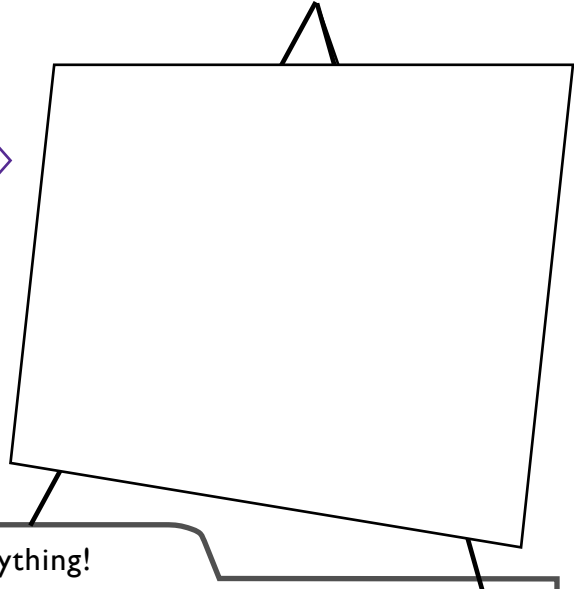
Sermon



Look at Mark 16:1-8 *(use the Table of Contents if needed)*



Draw a picture or use words
to describe what this might
have looked like.



Jesus is more powerful than anything!



What are things we cannot see that Jesus defeated through His death
and resurrection?



When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, what do we receive?

(Hint: It's the best gift ever!)

For those who trust in Jesus, what is also available?

(Look at Ephesians 1:19-20)

Write a prayer telling Jesus how you feel about that.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

As forgiven people we can now truly CELEBRATE the Lord's Supper.



What does a celebration mean to you?



We talk about "celebrating" the Lord's Supper. Draw a picture or use words to describe why we can celebrate what Jesus did. (Hint: Look at the hymns and scripture readings in today's bulletin. What words make you want to celebrate what Jesus did?)



Communion Hymn

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

ALL:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heav’n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
He who on the cross a victim
for the world’s salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the firstfruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Savior,
who has won the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia
to the Triune Majesty.

Sing to God a hymn of praise!



The **Benediction** is a blessing God gives his people. Listen as the Pastor gives this special blessing to you today!

Threefold Amen

- ★ "Amen" means "it is so" or "it is true."
- ★ What are we saying is true as we sing this?

The Peace of Christ



- ☆ Share the peace of Christ with someone near you.

PASTOR: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

WHAT'S GOING ON IN...CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday)

- ★ Easter Fellowship with Crafts in place of Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
- ★ No Evening Service or Kids Praise

Sunday, April 7

- ★ 10:00 am Outdoor Worship Service
- ★ No Sunday School, Children's Worship, or Nursery



Kids Praise Resumes!



VBS Registration NOW OPEN

and spots are filling quickly!

June 17-22, 2024
9am-12noon

3 year olds (by June 1) – Rising 6th graders

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(no Sunday school) **Craft/Activity Table in the Fellowship Hall**

Easter

★ 3 year olds – Rising Kindergarten (Room 14)

Easter

1st-6th **Drop-off**: All drop off in Heartland Room (Room 12)

1st-6th **Pick-ups** by Grade:

- ★ 1st & 2nd Grade (Room 2)
- ★ 3rd - 6th Grade Girls (Room 4)
- ★ 3rd - 6th Grade Boys (Room 3)

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