

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 20, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Handbell Choir

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. C. Dobrinski

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Davis

“Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:54b-57 (ESV)

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

The Hymnbook, no. 204

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

+ **INVOCATION**

+ **PSALM OF PRAISE**

The ARP Psalter, no. 145a (vs 2)

I'll Give You Praise, My God, O King

DUKE STREET

Great is the LORD, deserving praise; His greatness none can comprehend.
One generation to the next will all Your mighty works commend.

PASTOR'S PRAYER

(Conclude with Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ HYMN OF FAITH

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

The Hymnbook, no. 209

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes Where Thy body lay.
Thine in the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb,
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let His Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.
Thine in the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.
Thine in the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

+ STATEMENT OF BELIEF

Rev. Davis

The 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 Pilate 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Day of Resurrection

arr. S. Love

The Chester ARP Choir

+ **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
The Hymnbook, no. 544

SERMON TEXT Matthew 28

SERMON **What Do We Do Now?** Rev. Clint Davis

+ **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA
The Hymnbook, no. 213

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His burning eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
They praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

+ **CONCLUDING BLESSING**

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Benediction* STUART TOWNEND

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen
Son, and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within
His love. And to Him be praise for His glorious reign, from the depths of
earth to the heights of heav'n. We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of kings!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Church Family: Maurice Bennett, Lorraine Ernandez, Dickie Hall, Elizabeth Levister, Jo Lewis, Sims Lynn, Karen McCaston, Billy Rouse, Mary Frances Searle, and Walt Whitman.

Church Members: Cyrus Corbett, Briana Corbett, Warren Corbett, Chuck Crocker, Marilyn Crocker, Rick Currence, Jodie Currence, Easton Currence, and Case Currence.

Community: David Brown, Tommy Hamilton, Mark Huey, The family of Jimmy McCrorey, Mac and Sandra Turner, and Rick and Sandy Ward.

Christian/Churches Around the World: First Church of the Nazarene, Chester, Persecuted Christians in China, Displaced Syrian and Iraqi Christians, Christians in the Sudan, Persecuted Christians in Pakistan.

World: Ben and Trish Alexander (England), James & Claire Blackwell (Scotland), Michael & Laura Cochran (England), Sam & Martha Margaret Cotton (Africa), Chris & Katherine Davidson (Inverness, Scotland), Drew & Lauren Goodman (Africa), Lee & Joni Shelnutt (Pakistan & Rwanda), People who don't know Jesus.

FLOWERS

The flowers displayed on the cross today are presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of Christ's resurrection. Thank you to all members of the congregation for your participation in transforming the cross.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Bible Study will meet Wednesday, April 23rd at 8:30 am in the Barron Room. The Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Youth Group activities will not meet next week due to spring break. Our Wednesday evening activities will resume on April 30th.