

Broadway Christian Church 208 N. 900 W. Kimmell, IN 46760 April 5, 2015 8:00 am



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Julianne Rensner

Call to Worship

Pastor: If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Just as we have born the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. (I Cor. 15:44b, 49) Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

*Hymn: #287 Were You There? Invocation

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-10 Rev. Brian W. Secor

Hymn: #299 He Lives

Silent & Corporate Prayer Lord's Prayer (Trespasses)

Special Music: Christ Arose! Julianne Rensner *Hymn: #301 The Easter Song

Sermon: I Corinthians 15:12-20 Of All Men Most Pitied Rev. Brian W. Secor

*Hymn: #2 How Great Thou Art *Benediction

*Postlude

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD AND MAN IN THE WORLD *Please stand if you are able to do so.

An old legend tells of a parish priest who found a branch of a thorn tree twisted around so that it resembled a crown of thorns. Thinking it a symbol of the crucifixion of Christ, he took it into his chapel and placed it on the altar on Good Friday. Early on Easter morning he remembered what he had done. Feeling it was not appropriate for Easter Sunday, he hurried into the church to clear it away before the congregation came. But when he came into the church, he found the thorn branches blossoming with beautiful roses.

OF ALL MEN MOST PITIED

I Corinthians 15:12-20 Rev. Brian W. Secor

There is no day on the Christian calendar which is more important but more misunderstood than Easter.

- 1. At the heart of what we believe is the most important truth of all. We believe that Christ is risen.
- 2. From the earliest days, we've had to deal with this attack upon our faith. Apologetics is the defense of the faith.
- I. IF JESUS DID NOT RISE, AS PAUL STATES, WE ARE OF ALL MEN TO BE MOST PITIED.
- A. If there is no resurrection, _____ has not been raised.
- B. If there is no resurrection, our _____ is useless.
- C. If there is no resurrection, your _____ is groundless.
- D. If there is no resurrection, we have _____ about God.
- E. If there is no resurrection, _____ is raised.
- 1. Not us.
- 2. Not Christ.
- F. If there is no resurrection, you have ______ to look forward to in the afterlife.

G. If there is no resurrection, the _____ in Christ are lost.

- II. BUT NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD.
- **1.** The great $vvvi \delta \varepsilon$.
- A. If there is resurrection, then _____ has been raised.
- B. If there is resurrection, then our _____ is effective
- C. If there is resurrection, then your _____ stands firm.
- D. If there is resurrection, then we have told the _____ about God.
- 1. We are those who tell the truth about reality, about life, about God.
- E. If there is resurrection, then _____ in Christ are raised.
- 1. We shall be.
- 2. Christ is alive.
- F. If there is resurrection, then we have the most fantastic ______ to look forward to in the afterlife.
- G. If there is resurrection, then the _____ in Christ are preserved to life everlasting.

CHRIST IS RISEN ---- CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!