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APRIL 27, 2025

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon, Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

MUSIC

Agnus Dei

Smith/CCLI #626713

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

In the name of the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

silence for reflection

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

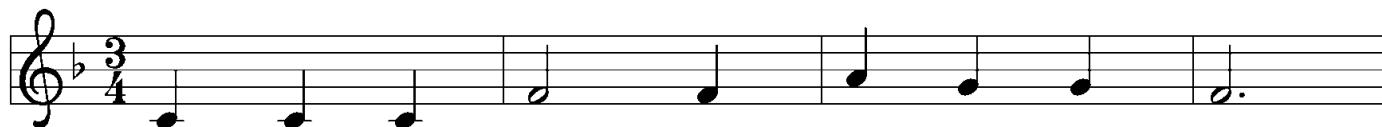
We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

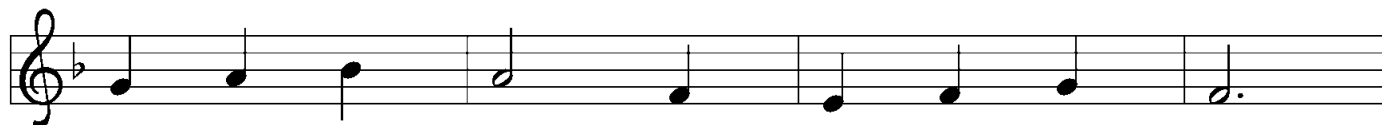
HYMN

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

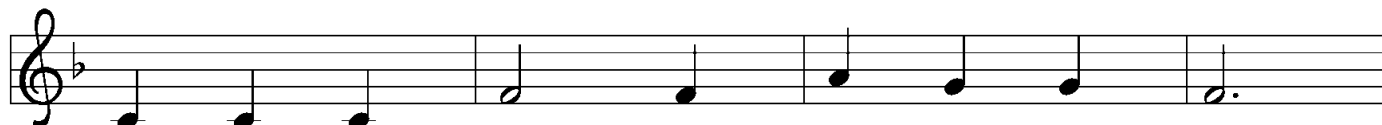
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M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
 Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

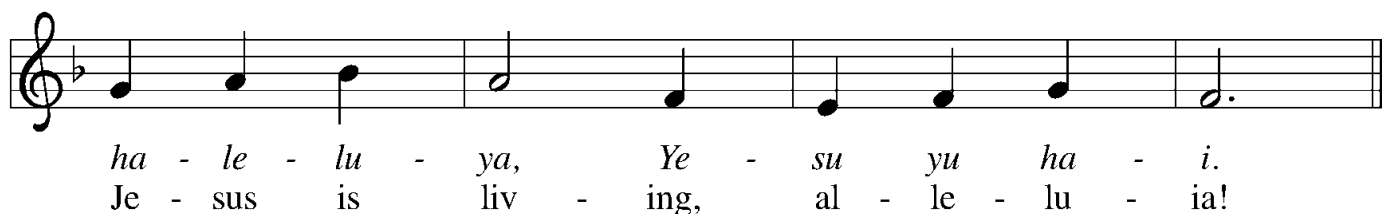
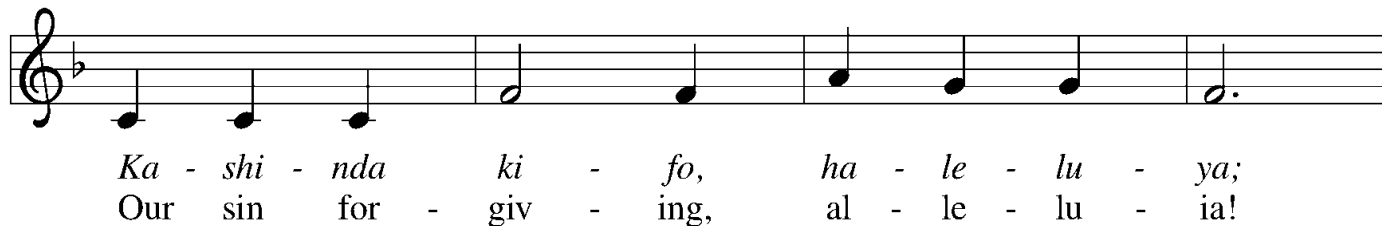


m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



GREETING

We gather for worship on this Easter Resurrection Sunday
in the name of the ✝ One,
who was,
who is,
and who is to come. *Amen.*

KYRIE

Augsburg Fortress #SB153820



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



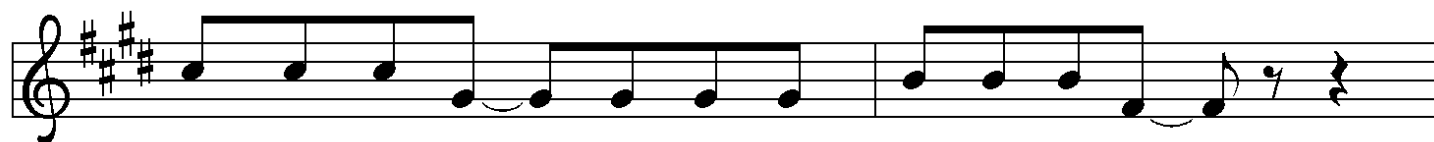
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

ACTS 5:27-32

A reading from Acts.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:14-29

We read responsively.

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ ***Shouts of rejoicing and salvation
echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!***

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ ***I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.***

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ ***Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.***

²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”

²¹ ***I give thanks to you,
for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.***

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ ***By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.***

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ ***Hosanna! O LORD, save us!***

We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

***²⁷ The LORD is God and has given us light.
Form a procession with branches
up to the corners of the altar.***

²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

***²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.***

REVELATION 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are

written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jesus lives

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

Peace and the Holy Spirit

We stand.

HYMN

Sing twice

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Cull/CCLI #1572

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Hear us, O God...*your mercy is great*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

We sit.

OFFERING

*We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. **Friendship pads** have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.*

ANTHEM

All Things Together

Peterson/CCLI #7110701

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me in a Clean Heart

Anonymous

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and some rests. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics for the first staff are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,". The second staff continues the lyrics: "and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.". The third staff repeats the first line: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,". The fourth staff repeats the second line: "and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.". The fifth staff has the lyrics: "Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O". The sixth staff concludes with the lyrics: "Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.".

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

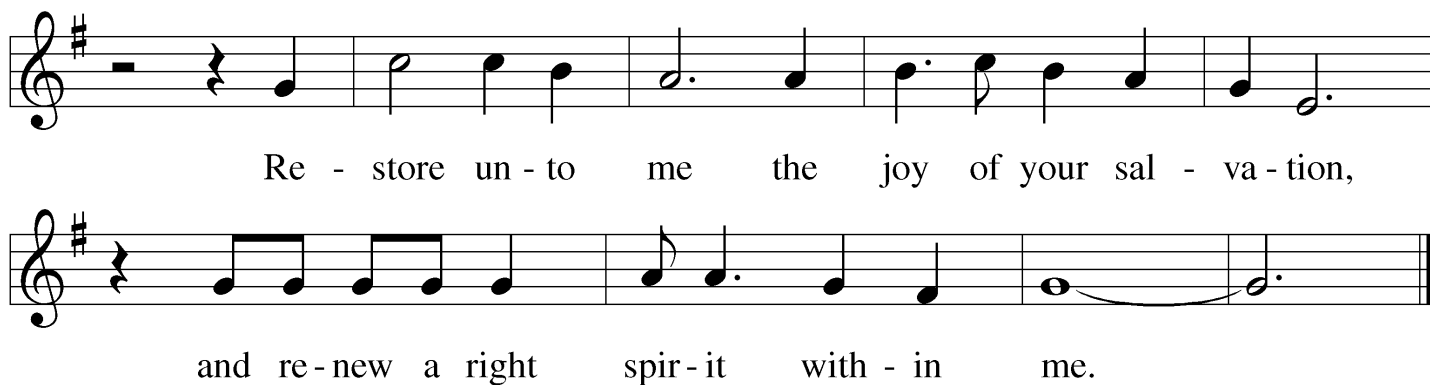
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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O

Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Risen One,

***you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.***

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

God, our great provider, the bread of life nourishes and sustains us. Send the Spirit to fill this bread and wine.

Come, Holy Spirit.

This meal fills your people with your abundant mercy and draws us closer to you and with one another. We long to be filled with your bread. Strengthen us in your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

We worship and adore you. We fall at your feet to be near you. Show us your great power and assure us of your mighty presence. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who 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 trespasses,

*as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the side aisles to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second chalice of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the center aisle. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation. If this is the first Sunday of the month, we also offer communion at the rail. On this Sunday, you may continue through the side doors and an usher will guide you to the altar to receive communion.

MUSIC

Communion Medley

Price

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace. ***Amen.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

***Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world. Amen.***

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation. ***Amen.***

EASTER PROCLAMATION

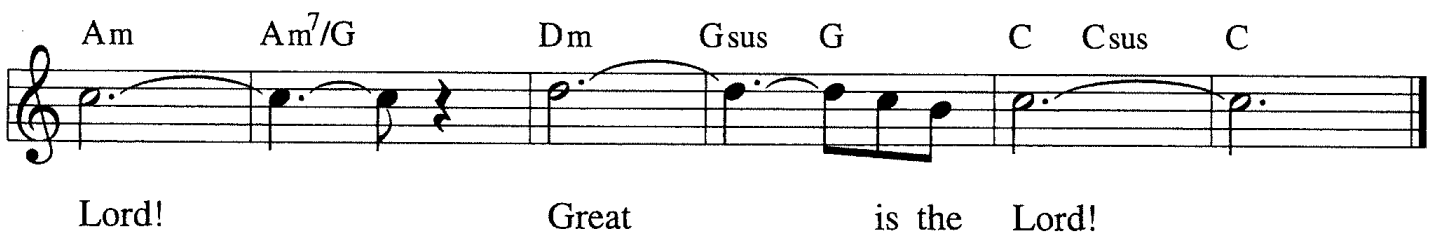
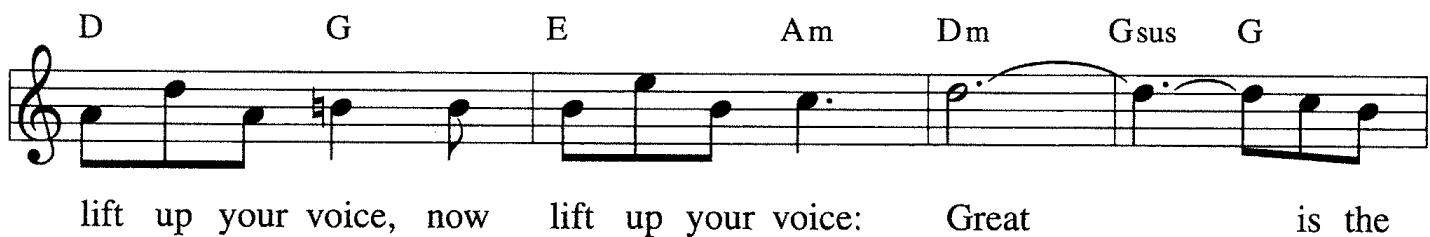
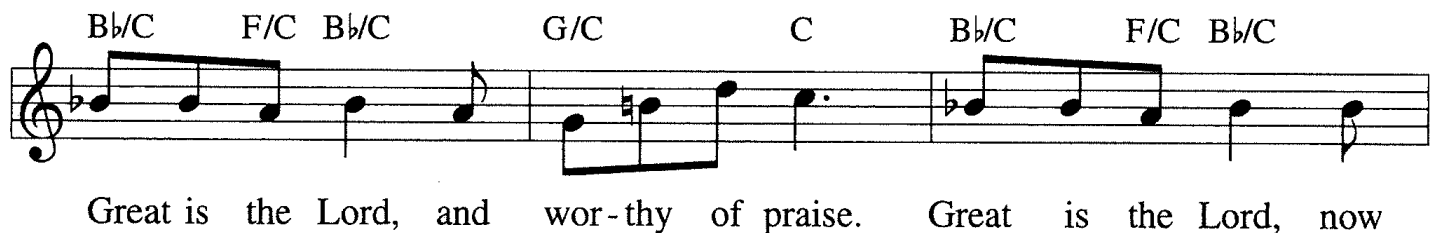
Christ is Risen! ***He is risen!***
Christ is Risen! ***He is risen, indeed!***
Christ is Risen! ***He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!***

HYMN

Great Is the Lord

Smith/CCLI #1149

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his
pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is
faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is

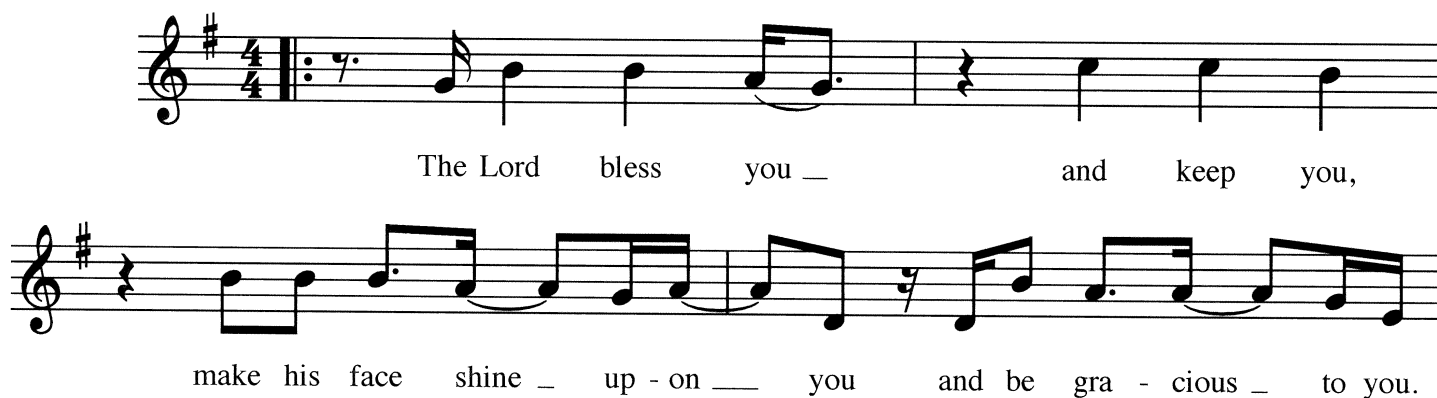


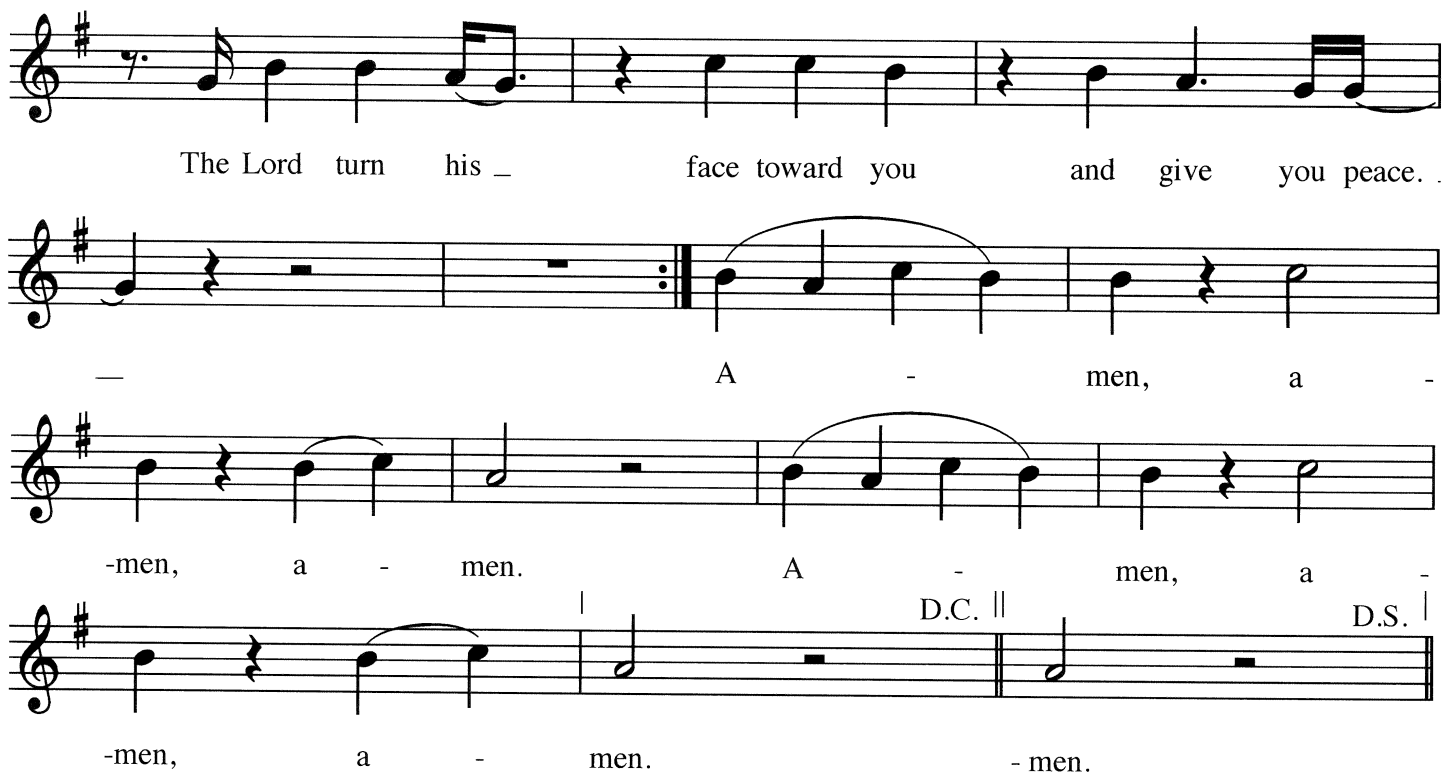
As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING

The Blessing

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #7147007





As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in honor of Jenny Scott's Birthday by Danny Scott.

THE PINEVIEW RURITANS CLUB SHOE DRIVE

Please donate new or gently used shoes.

They can be adult, childrens, womens, or mens shoes. There is a box in the

breezeway for you to drop the shoes in. The shoe drive will run through May 31st. If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Corley or Diane Boulware.



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

04/20/2025

Maundy Thursday 58 + live stream 121 = 179

Good Friday 68 + 108 = 176

6:30 Sunrise attendance = 73

9:00 worship 152 + live stream 203 = 355

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,855.18
Building Fund	Received	\$815.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$370.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of **Bobby Carver** by Patricia Shuler.

In memory of **James Mathias** and **Dot Mathias** by Gloria Mathias.

In memory of **Emily Garvin Baughman** by Kenneth Corley.



Plan to join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Food set-up and gathering will begin at 11 am. Tables will be set up for a covered dish lunch under the bus shed. The church will provide bottled water and juice boxes. Bring a picnic dish to share and a bag chair to hang out in. We will have a dedication for the new Pickleball court, music provided by

Ryan Price, and games for all ages!

Casual dress for Worship that day!

**In case of rain, event will be moved to the Fellowship Hall.*

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Blake Allen	Joel Price, Jr.
	David Marsh	Cindy Price
Crucifer:	Brayden Rutherford	Spencer Price
Acolyte:	Hayden Eargle	Jaquelynn Hawlik
Lector:	Scottie Marsh	Devona Price
Communion Assts:	Ronnie Fulmer	Joel Price, Sr.
	Hayden Eargle	Joel Price, Jr.
	Sheila Eargle	Spencer Price
	Brayden Rutherford	Devona Price
	Daryl Leigh Anthony	Marie Gardner
		Wynne Price
		Mary Price
Audio:	Marie Gardner	Mike Rawl
Video:	Brandon Donaldson	Leah Rawl
Nursery:	Kay Bryant	Brittany Allen
	Larry Amick	Alyson Price
Flowers:	Scotts	Breanna Metze

SERVING IN APRIL

COUNCIL REP: Fran Bouknight

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Dennis Thurman, Susan Busby

MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*
Doris Carver, *Presby Home*
Georgianna Gray, *home*
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

Gloria Mathias, *home*
Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*
Cyndi Thurman, *home*
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Chris Carroll	Debbie Duval
Michelle Gantt	Joye Haygood
Dennis Thurman	Mary Frances Sease
Wynne Price	

Debbie Fulmer
Frankie Jackson
Jim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer

Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*
Stetson Cooper, *grandson of Dan Cooper*
Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),
 friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
Mrs. Cruz, *teacher of Abbey Carroll*
Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,
 friends of Debra & Dave Butts
Sandra Watson, *aunt of Courtney Bucknam*
Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Blase Rhine,
 grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight
Cynthia Mallard,
 friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan
Jeslyn, *friend of Scarlett Bryant*

Max Schronce,
 friend of the David & Scottie Marsh
Faye McCartha, *mother of Debra Butts*
Robbie Rector, *friend Jennifer Miller*
Bill Geddings, *father of Allison Swygert*
Jane Baxley, *cousin of Michelle Gantt*
Joyce Davis, *grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik*
Will & Summer Satcher,
 friend of Courtney Bucknam
Dorothy Collins, *friend of Ryan Price*
Lauren Addy, *friend of Kathy Cooper and Metztes*
Sam Lockridge, *friend of Scottie Marsh*
Mary Duffie, *mother of Alyson Price*
Thelma Moyer, *mother of Diane Boulware*
Kaiden Howell, *friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik*
Randy Stonehill, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer*
Linda Bennett, *mother of Beth Jordan*
Neice of *Abbey Carroll's teacher*
Linda Starkey,
 sister-in-law of Sheila Starkey

We livestream each week to Facebook. Did you also know that we also livestream to YouTube? Like us on Facebook and subscribe on YouTube

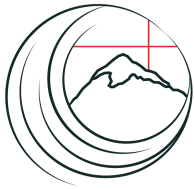


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Frank Bouknight, *Treasurer*

Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, April 27th

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

11:30 am CR: Worship Team

Wednesday, April 30th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Parkey & Diane Boulware, Mary Price)

Saturday, May 3rd

9:00 am Food Pantry (Jamie & Nancy Addison, Elaine Clawson)

