

# Order for the Celebration and Worship of God

Festival of the Resurrection Sunday      March 31, 2024

*When you see \* beside a word, please stand if you are able.*

## Gathering as a Living Fellowship

### \*ENTERING HIS GATES WITH PRAISE

This is our “gathering” song (Psalm 100:4) as you come before Him in joyful song—  
please remember to silence your electronic devices.

#### “Majesty”

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Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own,  
His anthem raise.

**So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify  
Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship His majesty. Jesus who  
died, now glorified, King of all Kings. (Repeat Chorus then)  
Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

**PRELUDE** This is a time of preparation and anticipation; a time to “be still  
and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)

**INVOCATION** As you prepare your heart for worship, ask God to be at  
work—forgiving your sin and helping you know Him better.

### CHORAL INTROIT “Hallelujah Christ Will come Again”

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**From Romans 4:25-5:1**

Our worship expresses our joy as we answer God’s call to let Him satisfy our spiritual  
thirst. (Isaiah 55:1-7)

**Leader:** We celebrate today, because Jesus was delivered over to  
death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.

**Unison:** *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!*

## Celebrating the Presence and Word of God

### \*SINGING OF PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

#### “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Hymn # 277

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Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! sons of men and angels say;  
Alleluia! raise your joys and triumphs high,  
Alleluia! sing, ye heavens, 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!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n, Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be  
giv’n, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! Hail, the  
Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From I Corinthians 15:13-17, 20-22

**Leader:** As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we recognize that if  
there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.  
And if Christ has not been raised, my preaching is useless and so is your  
faith.

**Unison:** *More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses  
about God, for we have testified about God that He raised Christ  
from the dead.*

**Leader:** Again, if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been  
raised either.

**Unison:** *And if Christ has not been raised, our faith is futile; we  
are still in our sins.*

**Leader:** But we believe that Christ has indeed been raised from the  
dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Unison:** *For since death came through a man, the resurrection of  
the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in  
Christ all will be made alive.*

#### “Man of Sorrows”

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Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed.  
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.

Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned.  
Bowing to the Father’s will, He took a crown of thorns.

**Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,  
where Your love poured out over me.  
Now my soul cries out,  
hallelujah, praise and honor unto Thee.**

Sent of heaven, God’s own Son to purchase and redeem.  
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree. **(chorus)**

**Bridge:** Now my debt is paid, It is paid in full  
by the precious blood That my Jesus spilled.  
Now, the curse of sin has no hold on me.  
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. **(sing twice, then chorus)**

See the stone is rolled away, Behold the empty tomb.

Hallelujah, God be praised, He’s risen from the grave.

**(chorus, then), Praise and honor unto Thee.**

#### “Up From the Grave He Arose”

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Low in the grave He lay—Jesus, my Savior,  
waiting the coming day—Jesus, my Lord.

**Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o’er His foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with  
His saints to reign.**

**He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Vainly they watch His bed—Jesus, my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead—Jesus, my Lord. **(Chorus)**

Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus, my Savior;  
He tore the bars away—Jesus, my Lord. **(Chorus)**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Praise to God: Father, Son, Spirit**  
**Unison:** *We praise You, Father, for Your mighty acts: for creating  
all things; for establishing Your covenant with Your people; for  
giving Your law; for being our refuge and fortress; for Your rich  
mercy and great love in sending Jesus into the world, that whoever  
believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

*We praise You, Jesus, for coming into the world; for Your  
life of obedience to the Father; for Your death as our substitute; for  
Your present work as the Mediator of the New Covenant; for being  
our Advocate before the Father.*

*We praise You, Holy Spirit, for being our Comforter and  
Defender; for our new birth, wherein You opened our eyes to the  
kingdom of God; for illuminating the Word and leading us into truth;  
for applying the salve of the gospel to our souls.*

*(Please offer your silent prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication to God.)*

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE Hymn #283**

**“Alleluia! Alleluia!”**

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

(page 857 in pew Bible)

**Unison:** **Thanks be to God!**

(No Children’s Church on the last Sunday of the month.)

**SERMON:** “Into a Living Hope!”

Today’s speaker: Pastor David Temples

## Responding in Faith

### REFLECTION AND PRIVATE PRAYER

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, In the dawning of the King  
 He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity  
 In our longing in our darkness, , Now the light of life has come  
 Look to Christ who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
 In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
 See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.  
 Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life  
 But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
**What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope**  
**Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes.**  
 (Repeat bold)

**\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary.  
 Tithes and offerings may be placed in them either before or after the service.)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*DISMISSAL:** **Jesus, Only Jesus**

**POSTLUDE**

| Week of March 31, 2024   | Week of April 7, 2024  |
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| <b>Greeters: Lynch, P / Thomas</b>   | <b>Greeters: Phillips / Brooks</b>   |
| <b>No Children's Church</b>  | <b>Children's Church: E Long</b>   |
| <b>Sun., 3/31</b><br>9:00 am Sonrise Service<br>10:00 am Festival of the Resurrection (Easter) Service (Livestreamed)  | <b>Sun., 4/7</b><br>9:30 am Worship Service (Livestreamed)<br>10:45 am Fellowship<br>11:10 am Sunday School<br>12:05 pm Choir practice             |
| <b>Mon., 4/1</b><br>8:00 am Elder/Deacon Prayer  | <b>Mon., 4/8</b><br>8:00 am Elder / Deacon Pray  |
| <b>Tues., 4/2</b><br>10:00 am Member Care Team Mtg   | <b>Tues., 4/9</b><br>10:00 am Member Care Team Mtg   |
| <b>Wed., 4/3</b><br>10:00 am Estate Planning Class @ WW<br>5:30 pm Dinner @ Westwood<br>6:20 pm Small groups/students-WW<br>6:30 pm College/Career @ Steever's | <b>Wed., 4/10</b><br>10:00 am Game Day @ WW<br>5:30 pm Dinner @ Westwood<br>6:20 pm Small groups/students-WW<br>6:30 pm College/Career @ Steever's |
| <b>Thurs., 4/4</b><br>8:00 am Men's Bible Study<br>6:30 pm Bible Study @ Harris'   | <b>Thurs., 4/11</b><br>8:00 am Men's Bible Study<br>6:30 pm Bible Study @ Harris'  |
| <b>Fri., 4/5</b><br>9:00 am Evang. Discuss @ WW<br>10:00 am Women's Bible Study @ WW<br>11:30 am Women's luncheon  | <b>Fri., 4/12</b><br>9:00 am Evang. Discuss @ WW<br>10:00 am Women's Bible Study @ WW<br>11:30 am Women's luncheon                                 |
| <b>Sat., 4/6</b><br>8:00 am - Noon Church Workday  |  |



We are glad that you are worshiping with us today!  
 Please join us in our fellowship hall after worship for refreshments and fellowship!

**Parents:** We welcome and desire infants and children to be in our worship service. There is no need to be embarrassed if your child or infant makes an occasional sound during worship. Everyone understands this! But when your child's or infant's sounds become more than occasional, much above a whisper, or if he/she is very active, please love your neighbors by taking your child or infant out of the sanctuary, quiet him/her down, and feel free to return, or make use of the Cry Room (across the hall outside the sanctuary) or Nursery. By doing this you will be helping those whose hearing has become compromised through age or injury. While those with healthy hearing are able to differentiate sounds from more than one source, those whose hearing has become compromised are not able to do so.

- Our **nursery** is down the hallway on the right (turn right when you leave the sanctuary).
- Our **restrooms** are down the hall on the left (turn right when you leave the sanctuary).
- **Sunday School** begins at 11:10 am for all ages. Any of our members will be glad to help you find a classroom. Our younger children's classrooms are along our hallway outside the sanctuary.
- We have "**Children's Church**" for 4 years olds - 1st grade during the sermon (*except on the last Sunday of the month or during special events*). Children return to their families before the end of the service.
- **We do not pass the offering plates** during our service. They are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Prayer request cards and offerings can be placed in them before or after the service.
- **We have a greeter outside** the sanctuary during worship and outside our Sunday School classes during the Sunday School hour. They are also available to assist you if you have questions.

**FAMILY BUSINESS 2024 (Updated Monthly)**

| General Fund Contributions/Expenses: Jan. – Feb. 2024  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Contributions: \$ 41,847                               | Expenses: \$ 41,577 |
| <b>Faith Promise Goal for April 2023 – March 2024:</b> | \$ 47,000           |
| Number of Faith-Promise Cards Received                 | 16                  |
| Total of Faith-Promise Cards Received                  | \$ 32,840           |
| Contributions for April, 2023—Feb. 2024                | \$ 34,023           |
| Expenses for April, 2023—Feb. 2024                     | \$ 44,437           |

- **April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30 am – Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning @ WW**
- **April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am – Noon - Church Workday**
- **April 19-21 – Mission Conference**

**Welcome**

*to*

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**Church**

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