

# THE LORD'S DAY ~ April 4, 2021

## EASTER SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

### *Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church*

*to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and need strength;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

Preparation for Worship Thank you for silencing all electronic devices

“We are more sure to arise out of our graves  
than out of our beds.”  
~ Puritan Thomas Watson

### Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

A cry room for small children with televised worship  
is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.

\*Prelude Is He Worthy? (1)

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.  
Is a new creation coming? It is.  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.  
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.  
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does.  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

\* For those who are able, please stand at these times.

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Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue,  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is. Is He worthy, is He worthy? He is. He is.

\*Invocation

\*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: He is Risen!  
People: He is risen!

Leader: He is risen!  
People: He is risen, indeed!

Leader: He is risen!  
People: He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!

\*Hymns of Praise “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (T277)

\*Confession of Faith New City Catechism Q 49-50

Leader: Where is Christ now? (2)  
People: Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

Leader: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us? (3)  
People: Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

\*Hymn of Meditation In Christ Alone

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 15 (PB961)

\*Hymn of Confession The Power of the Cross (4)

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your blood-stained brow.

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life "Finished!" the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

Confession of Sin “Crucifixion and Resurrection”  
from the Valley of Vision

O LORD, I marvel that You should become incarnate, be crucified, dead, and buried.  
The tomb calls forth my adoring wonder, for it is empty and You are risen; the four-fold gospel attests it, the living witnesses prove it, my heart's experience knows it.

Give me to die with You that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world; that I might not hear the voice of the charmer, and might be delivered from his lusts.

O Lord, there is much ill about me ~ crucify it, much flesh within me ~ mortify it. Purge me from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of approbation, the shame of being thought old-fashioned, the desire to be cultivated or modern. Let me reckon my old life dead because of crucifixion, and never feed it as a living thing.

Grant me to stand with my dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, to be willing to take up unpopular truths, and to hold fast despised teachings until death. Help me to be resolute and Christ-contained. Never let me wander from the path of obedience to Your will.

Strengthen me for the battles ahead. Give me courage for all the trials, and grace for all the joys. Help me to be a holy, happy person, free from every wrong desire, from everything contrary to thy mind.

Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1 Peter 2:24-25

Pastoral Prayer Yet Not I But Christ in Me (5)

Offertory Hymn

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus,  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine,  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side the Savior he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need his power is displayed.  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me,  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome,  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread I know I am forgive;  
The future sure the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free,  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me,  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat,  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Philippians 3:7-11

Prayer of Illumination Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon Romans 8

“The Glories of the Resurrection”  
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\*Hymn of Response “Up from the Grave He Arose” (T276)

\*Charge and Benediction Hebrews 13:20-21

\*Hymn of Benediction “Our God Reigns” (C372)

\*Postlude

Sermon Notes  
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