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For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Easter Day—The Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 2024, at 8:30 & 10:30



To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The sounding of the
bells calls us to quiet our
hearts before worship.*

Welcome

Choral Introit

Christ Is Risen!

Appalachian Melody
Arr. by Vladimir Morosan

*Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling down death by death,
And upon those in the tombs
Bestowing life.*

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Call to Worship

From Isaiah 25

Minister: On this mountain, the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Minister: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

† Hymn of Praise

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Adoration

Unison:

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Through the public reading of Scripture, God himself summons us to the praise of his glory.

"Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise." (James 5:13)

† Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:22-24

Pew Bible, page 3

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

In confessing our sins, we humbly agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We do this collectively through corporate prayer of confession and individually through a silent moment of confession.

Unison: O God, you are our life. But we have turned from you to death. Again and again, we have chosen our own way. We have dishonored your name. We have not loved our neighbors. We have injured our own souls. Lord, have mercy. Please forgive. For the sake of your Son who died and rose again, we pray that you would bury our sin and raise us up to newness of life. Lift us by the power of your Holy Spirit to seek the things above where Christ is seated with you in glory.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

From John 5

This scriptural pronouncement of forgiveness is spoken with authority in Jesus' name. If you trust Jesus as he is offered in the gospel, you can rest assured, you are forgiven.

Minister: Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears the gospel and believes in Jesus Christ has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Litany for Easter

Minister: Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for the immeasurable greatness of your power toward us who believe, according to the working of your great might, which you exercised in Christ when you raised him from the dead.

People: **Glory! Hallelujah!**

Minister: On this feast of the resurrection, we praise you, Lord Christ.

People: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing, for by your blood you ransomed us for God.**

Minister: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

People: **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!**

Minister: In the peace of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **May your kingdom come and your will be done.**

Minister: That our risen Savior may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and his power.

People: **May your kingdom come and your will be done.**

Minister: That we might seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated, and that we might be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord our labor is not in vain.

Unison: **May your kingdom come, and your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

† **Hymn of Proclamation**
Hymn B

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
Words and Music by Boswell, Papa, and Bleecker



The Apostles' Creed, which is a summary of the gospel, unites Christians across the ages and around the world.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† **Gloria**

Glory Be to God in Heaven
Beethoven; ODE TO JOY

Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Gloria, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested can meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

† Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-53

Pew Bible, pages 884-885

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to the Lord!

† Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

HOLY WEEK:
The Stone Rolled Away



RESPONDING IN THANKS

† Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #276

Up From the Grave He Arose

CHRIST AROSE

Giving to God & Offertory

Alleluia! Sing Praise

J. S. Bach

Adapted by Charles C. Hirt

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Sing praise unto God.
Sing praise to Him, the Lord of all creation.
To us He came; a man by name,
To bring to us the wonder of salvation.*

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Sing praise unto God.
Sing praise to Him, with heart and voice exultant!
For us He died; by men denied,
To rise again in Glory now triumphant.*

*An outline of the sermon is on
page 15, and discussion questions
for the sermon are on page 16.*

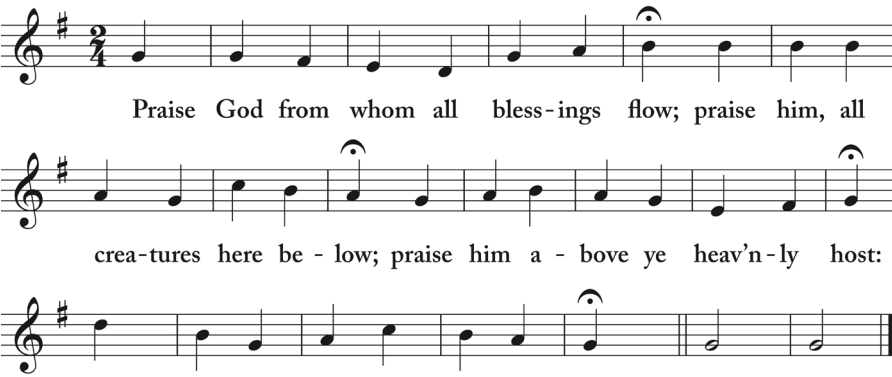
*"Do not lay up for yourselves
treasures on earth... but lay
up for yourselves treasures in
heaven..." (Matthew 6:19-20).*

*To give online, visit
www.stpaulsorlando.com/give.*

† Doxology

Doxology #731

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all
crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #358 (Verses 5 & 6)

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude on Maccabeus

Arr. by J. Payne

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

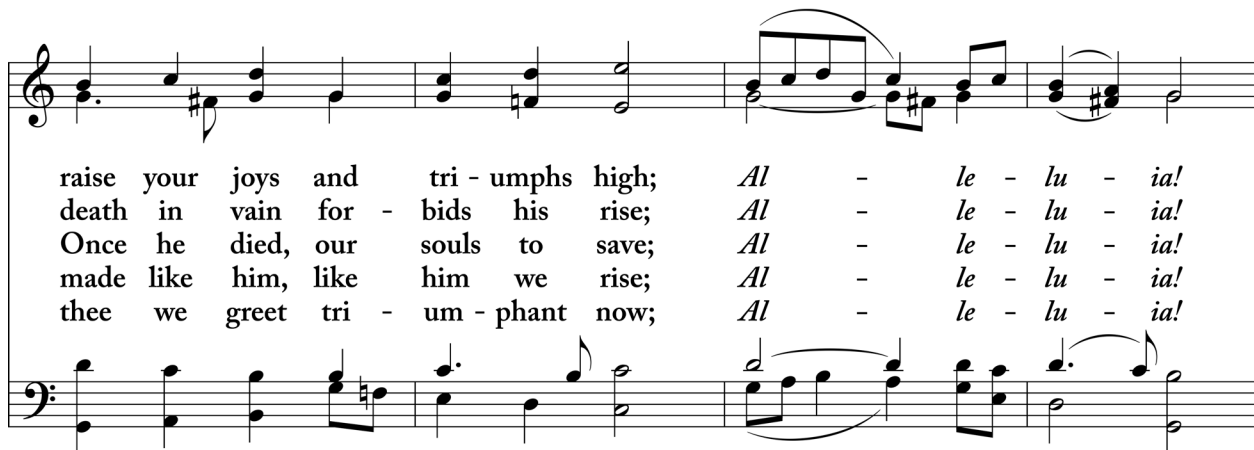
HYMN A



1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," *Al - le - lu - ia!*
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Al - le - lu - ia!*



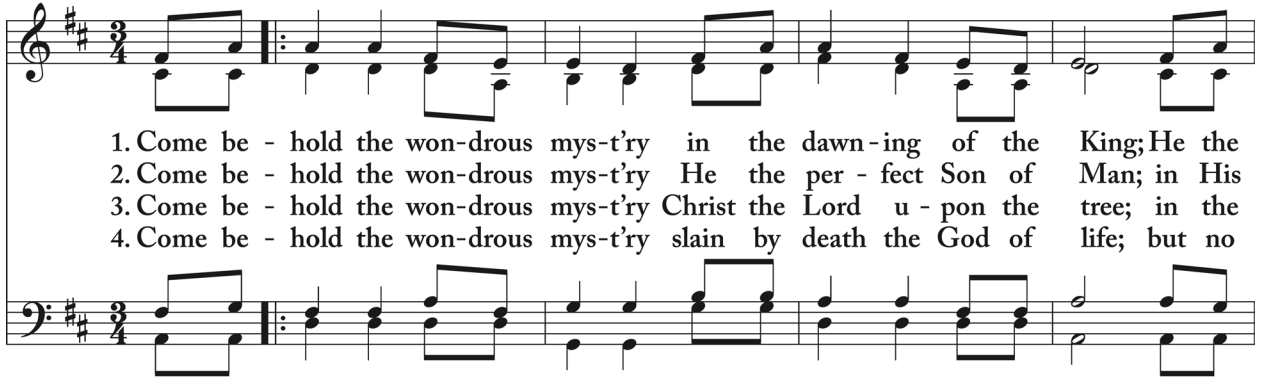
sons of men and an - gels say; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
Christ has burst the gates of hell: *Al - le - lu - ia!*
where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al - le - lu - ia!*
fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Al - le - lu - ia!*



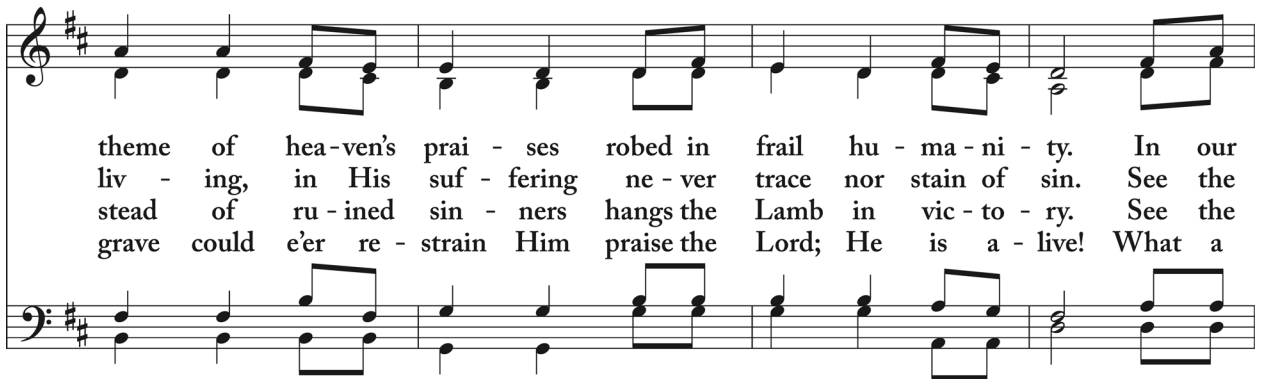
raise your joys and tri - umphs high; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
death in vain for - bids his rise; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
Once he died, our souls to save; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
made like him, like him we rise; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
thee we greet tri - um - phant now; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 hail, the Re - sur - re - ction, thou! *Al - le - lu - ia!*

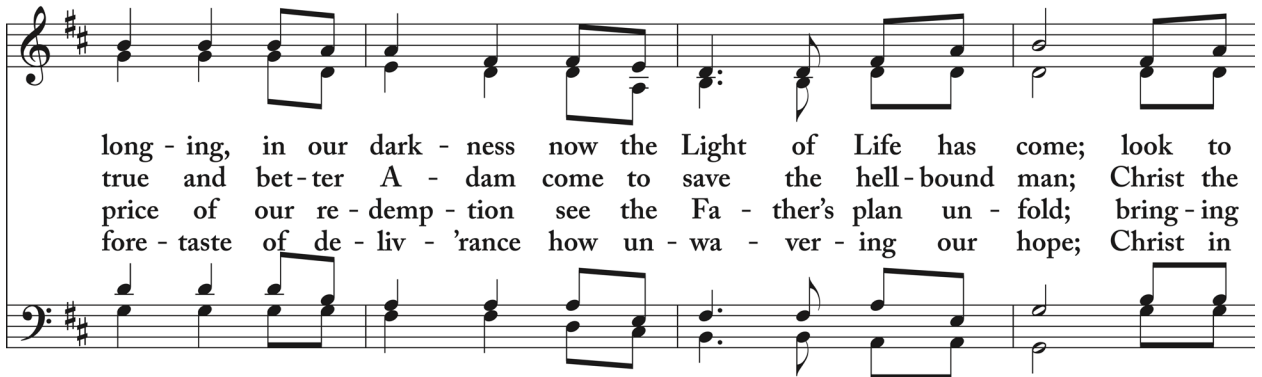
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry in the dawn-ing of the King; He the
 2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry He the per - fect Son of Man; in His
 3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry Christ the Lord u - pon the tree; in the
 4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry slain by death the God of life; but no



theme of hea-ven's prai - ses robed in frail hu - ma - ni - ty. In our
 liv - ing, in His suf - fer-ing ne - ver trace nor stain of sin. See the
 stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the
 grave could e'er re - strain Him praise the Lord; He is a - live! What a



long - ing, in our dark - ness now the Light of Life has come; look to
 true and bet - ter A - dam come to save the hell - bound man; Christ the
 price of our re - demp - tion see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold; bring - ing
 fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance how un - wa - ver - ing our hope; Christ in

Christ, who con - de - scen - ded took on flesh to ran - som
 great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we
 ma - ny sons to glo - ry grace un - mea - sured, love un -
 po - wer re - sur - rec - ted as we will be when He

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us.
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2. Come be-
 3. Come be-
 4. Come be-

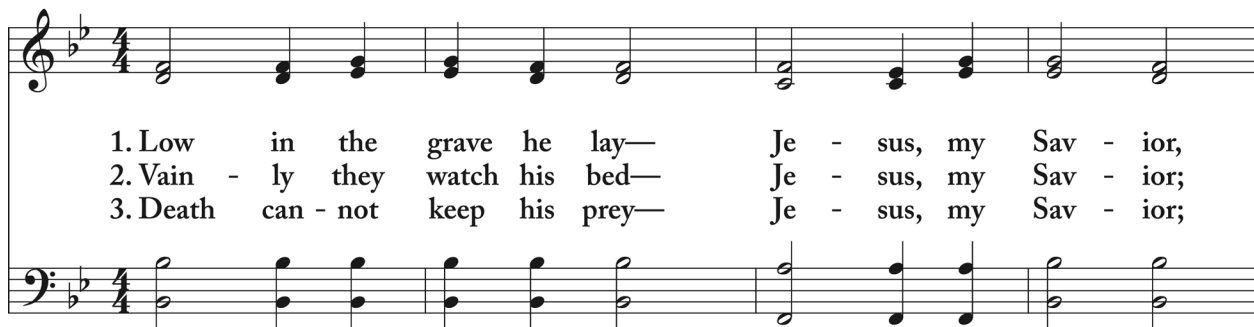
4.

comes. What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance how un - wa - ver-ing our


hope; Christ in po - wer re-sur - rec - ted as we will be when He comes.

Up from the Grave He Arose

An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. Matt. 28:2



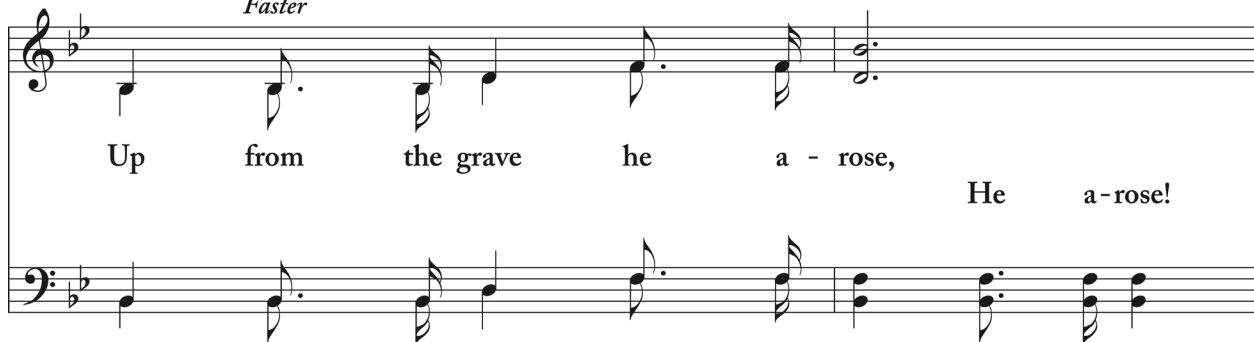
1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior,
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;



wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord.
 vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.
 he tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord.

REFRAIN

Faster



Up from the grave he a - rose, He a - rose!



with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes.

He a-rose!



He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he



lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a - rose!

He a - rose!



He a - rose!

He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!



For All the Saints

They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them. Rev. 14:13

Unison

5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day;
6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY WEEK:

The Stone Rolled Away

Luke 24:1-53 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: The good news of Christ’s resurrection from the dead results in a series of openings. Because the stone is rolled back, a way is opened. Eyes are “opened” (v. 31). The Scriptures are “opened” (v. 32). Minds are “opened” (v. 45). Power from on high and even heaven itself is opened to people from all nations who repent and believe the gospel.

i. The opening of the tomb (24:1-12)

ii. The opening of eyes, minds, and nations (24:13-48)

iii. The opening of heaven (24:49-53)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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| • Sunday, March 31 | Leviticus 2-3 • John 21 |
| • Monday, April 1 | Leviticus 4 • Psalm 1-2 |
| • Tuesday, April 2 | Leviticus 5 • Psalm 3-4 |
| • Wednesday, April 3 | Leviticus 6 • Psalm 5-6 |
| • Thursday, April 4 | Leviticus 7 • Psalm 7-8 |
| • Friday, April 5 | Leviticus 8 • Psalm 9 |
| • Saturday, April 6 | Leviticus 9 • Psalm 10 |
| • Sunday, April 7 | Leviticus 10 • Psalm 11-12 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these questions to reflect more deeply on this week's sermon.

1. Trace the narrative movement of Luke 24. What can be learned by paying attention to the starting point in verse 1 (“the tomb”) and the end point in verse 51 (“carried up into heaven”)? What is ultimately “opened” in this passage?
2. Why didn’t the disciples believe the women’s report (v. 11)? How does Jesus’ rebuke in verse 25 explain their (and perhaps) our own unbelief?
3. How does the story of Jesus’ resurrection in Luke 24 bear the marks of a historically reliable narrative?
4. What is significant about the fact that after his resurrection, Jesus was made known to his disciples “in the breaking of bread” (v. 34)? Compare and contrast the opening of the disciples’ eyes in verses 30-31 and the opening of Adam and Eve’s eyes in Genesis 3:6-7. How are these eye-opening experiences at the beginning of the Bible and the end of Luke’s Gospel both similar and very different?
5. What does the expansive series of openings that we find in Luke 24 have to teach us about the mission and witness of the church (see esp. vv. 27-49)?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Devote time to memorizing this passage of Scripture throughout the month.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).

ABOUT WORSHIP

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshipers must worship in this way is because God himself “is spirit.” Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as he has personally revealed himself. Thus, conformity to God’s character is the key to true worship. “Great is the LORD,” as the psalmist puts it, “and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy of all glory and honor and praise.

THE SHAPE OF WORSHIP



Entering God’s Presence—We gather in response to God’s call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus’ name.



Renewing Our Faith—Worship continues with a focus on God’s Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.



Responding in Thanks—As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God’s Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God’s people are collected. On Communion Sundays we are invited to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. With God’s blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Why Do We Worship in This Way?

In this section, we answer a question about worship each week.

Question: Why do we gather for public worship on Sunday?

Answer: We gather on Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, which took place “on the first day of the week” (Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:2, Luke 24:1, John 20:1 [compare John 20:19]).

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Our hope is that you find our worship service glorifying to God and personally refreshing.

We would love to connect with you. Please stop by our New Visitor Table in the Narthex after the service so that we may greet you in person and provide you a *Welcome Bag*. To connect with us, please use the QR code below to fill out a *Connect Card*.

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Our Vision

To see the invisible kingdom of heaven made visible,
for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

Our Mission

To grow in grace and give away our lives
in the following seven major ministry areas:

Worship that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit

Discipleship that is rooted in the Scriptures and centered in the gospel

Community that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another

Local Missions that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost

Global Missions that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel
to the ends of the earth

Children's Ministry that partners with parents to build children up in the
faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching

Youth Ministry that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ

This Year's Easter Lilies Were Given By:

Gordon & Ann Christian

In memory of our parents, Raymond & Patricia and Lloyd & Evelyn

Jim & Molly Crandall

In memory Betty Marshall & in honor of Pat Crandall

Tim & Carolyn Hunter

In memory of Hidden & Azalea Hunter

Jim & Ivy Kool

In memory of our parents, Jeff & Eunice Carey and Bill & Christine Kool

Jim & Ivy Kool

In memory of Mark Warner, son of Sam (Sharon) Warner

Ron & Tina Owen

*In memory of our parents, Harold & Hazel Owen and Rudolph & Veronica Gregs,
and dear sister Eugenia Gregs Odell*

Diane Richardson

In memory of our parents, Max & Mary Nemazi and George & Marie Richardson

Brent & Lisa Rowley

In memory of our precious grandson, Wesley Rowley

David & Mary Margaret Sutton

In memory of Jonel Sutton and Nick & Margaret Simonette, and in honor of Belle Sutton

Janey Taylor

In memory of my dear mother, Dorothea Willis

Joe & Eleanor Thompson

In memory of our dear parents and siblings

Paula Young

In memory of Marilee Roloff, beloved sister

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