

Worship for The Lord's Day

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Resurrection Sunday, April 5, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Preparation for Worship

Trinity Chime

Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide
arranged by J. William Green
Brett Levi, organ

Choral Introit

On the Third Day
text (adapted from the Apostle's Creed) and music by Allen Pote

*Jesus was crucified. Jesus was crucified.
He died and was buried, died and was buried.
Jesus was crucified.*

On the third day Christ arose!

*He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.*

*He shall come again to judge the living and the dead,
His kingdom will have no end!*

*Christ is risen from the dead, He is risen as He said.
He is alive, He is alive, alleluia!*

*Christ has conquered death and sin,
Died for us our souls to win.
He is alive, He is alive, alleluia!*

*He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.*

*He shall come again to judge the living and the dead,
His kingdom will have no end!*

Alleluia!

On the third day Christ arose!

The Life of the Church

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Steve Mirich

Adoration of God

† Call to Worship

Luke 24:5-6; 1 Corinthians 15:54-55, 57; John 11:25-26

Leader: *Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here:
the Lord has risen!*

The Choir: *He has risen indeed!*

Leader: *The Lord has risen!*

All: He has risen indeed!

Leader: *Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?*

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

The Choir: *Christ has risen indeed!*

Leader: *Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me
will live, even though he dies: and whoever lives and believes in Me
will never die.'*

All: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: *The Lord has risen!*

All: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please silence all electronic devices.

† Hymn of Triumph

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - - le - lu - ia!
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, 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!

Sons of men and an - gels say, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him 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!

Sing, ye heavens, 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!

(text by Charles Wesley | music from *Lyra Davidica* | arranged by John Rutter | © Oxford Press,)

Invocation

John Sutton, Elder

Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:38-39

Q. *Will anything separate us from the love of God in Christ?*

A. "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

† Hymn of Worship No. 286

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

† Please stand as you are able.

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
text based on Job 19:25-26 and 1 Corinthians 13:12
music by Craig Courtney

*I know that my Redeemer lives, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that He shall stand at a latter date upon the earth.*

*And though my body be destroyed, and though my body be destroyed,
yet in my flesh shall I see God.*

[Refrain] *Alleluia, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.*

Now we see in a glass dimly, but then face to face.

Now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known.

[Refrain] *Alleluia, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.*

† The Reading of God's Word

Luke 10: 17-20

The Message from God's Word

"Reasons to Rejoice"

Pastor Steve Mirich

† Hymn of Response

Is He Worthy?

† Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Because He Lives
text and music by Gloria and Bill Gaither, arranged by Jack Schrader
Daphne Fortain-Griffith, soprano, and Luke Griffith, tenor,
with Katie Stuckey, piano

*God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!*

[Refrain] *Because He lives, I can face tomorrow! Because He lives,
All fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, Just because He lives!*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy he brings; But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He lives!*

[Refrain]

Response and Blessing

† Sending Hymn No. 276

Up from the Grave He Arose

† Benediction

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

† Resurrection Doxology

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*Praise God Who raised Christ from the dead.
Praise Christ the ever-living Head. He is risen – Alleluia!
And praise the Spirit of new birth, One God Who rules the universe.
He is risen, alleluia! He is risen, alleluia, alleluia!*

† Choral Response

Hallelujah! from *Messiah* by George Frideric Handel
text from Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16

*Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The Kingdom of this world is become the
Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;
and He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings, and Lord of lords
and He shall reign for ever and ever. Hallelujah!*

Postlude

"Toccatà" from Symphony No. 5, Op. 42
composed by Charles-Marie Widor
Brett Levi, organ

The Sanctuary is equipped with hearing loop, available at the entrance.

Welcome to Covenant! May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us and given to us in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the Scriptures and quotes below.

'At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time Your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the Earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.'
Daniel 12:1-2

'On that day many will say to Me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and do many mighty works in Your Name?" And then will I declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness."' Matthew 7:22-23

'I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me.'
John 10:14

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain...And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins...If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
1 Corinthians 15:14, 17, 19-20

"We are more sure to arise out of our graves than out of our beds."
Thomas Watson

"The resurrection of Christ is the Amen of all His promises." John Boys

"True belief in both Heaven and Hell radically changes the way we live on Earth. We are encouraged by the hope of Heaven, and we are compelled by the horror of Hell. We know that this world is not all that exists. We know that every person on the planet is only here for a brief moment, and an eternity lies ahead of us all – an eternity that is either filled with ever-increasing delight or never-ending damnation." David Platt

"Take a saint, and put him into any condition, and he knows how to rejoice in the Lord." Walter Cradock

"Three means by which God assures us that we do have eternal life: 1. The promises of His Word. 2. The witness of the Spirit in our hearts. 3. The transforming work of the Spirit in our lives." Jerry Bridges

"A well-grounded assurance is always attended with three fair handmaids: love, humility, and holy joy." Thomas Brooks

"Do not let your happiness depend on something you may lose." C.S. Lewis

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Worship Notes

The choral introit is accompanied by Colleen Gillespie on organ, the Covenant Carillonners Handbell Ensemble, Greg Hostetler on trumpet, and Laura Stone on timpani.

Those who wish to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus* are invited to join the choir in the loft during the Sending Hymn. Music scores are available on either side. Sopranos and tenors sing on the piano side, and basses and altos on the organ console side.

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