



Sanctuary Easter Service

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Hymn to Joy”
arr. John Ferguson

“Gelobt sie Gott”
arr. John Ferguson

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Introit

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
arr. Ron Mallory

Handbell Ensemble

* **Call to worship**

based on Revelation 5

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: With his blood, Jesus Christ has ransomed men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

* **Hymn of praise 277**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” *Alleluia!*
sons of men and angels say; *Alleluia!*
raise your joys and triumphs high; *Alleluia!*
sing ye heav’ns, 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!*

text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music from Lyra Davidica, 1708, EASTER HYMN

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

based on Ephesians 1 and 2

Leader: People of God, this is the hope to which we have been called:

All: That God displayed his power and mighty strength when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over the church, which is his body.

Leader: As for us, we were dead in our transgressions and sins, in which we used to live when we followed the ways of this world.

All: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Call to confession

from Romans 3:20-25

No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Colossians 2:10, 13-15

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

* Hymn of assurance 295

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

text by Matthew Bridges, 1851; music by George J. Elvey, 1868, DIADEMATA

Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Chancel Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord, to the King of creation!
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him. Amen.

*text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music by Dan Forrest ©2021
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* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

* Scripture reading from 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Brett Hyberger

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Resurrection Realities"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. The resurrection is a reality. (vv. 20, 23)
2. The resurrection is a remedy. (vv. 21-22)
3. The resurrection is a victory. (vv. 24-26)

Pastoral prayer

- * **Hymn of response** "Hallelujah" from *Messiah*
- * **Benediction**
- * **Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"
- * **Postlude** Symphony No. 6, V. Finale
Charles-Marie Widor

Musicians for this week:

Andrew Hyberger – percussion
Brett Hyberger – ensemble director
Joshua Knight – organ
Gabe Lajas – trumpet

Quinn Lawson – trumpet
Eric Miller – trombone
Jacqueline Miller – trombone
Nate Oster – percussion

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EASTER CROSS in the courtyard is given in loving memory of Flora Walldorf, Dick Fowler, Jacob Walldorf, Elise Crates, and Mike Irwin by Catherine and Charlie Walldorf. You are welcome to place your own flowers in the cross or to use one of the flowers provided at the foot of the cross.

SUPPORTED UK CHURCH PLANTER MALC CLARK will give a report on April 8 at 6:15 p.m. in the chapel, following Wednesday dinner.

MOMS OF ALL STAGES, remember to join us for “Moms’ Coffee” on Friday, April 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the chapel.

FOLLOW ALONG WITH BRIAN AND WIL and the team as they check in on LMPC’s ministry partners across Central Asia on their upcoming trip. If you’d like to see updates and photos, fill out the form at lmpc.org/world-missions by April 12.

SCRIPTURE & SONG, featuring our Chancel Choir, Children’s Choir, Girls’ Ensemble, and Handbell Choir, will be held on Sunday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. Save the date!

REDEEMING TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE: Explore how the Gospel speaks into our use of technology, featuring speaker Robert Cunningham. Schedule: Friday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, May 2 at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m. Find more information at lmpc.org.

BEAST FEAST: Men, come enjoy a feast of smoked meats and hear from Robert Cunningham on “The Mighty Meekness of Masculinity,” May 2 at 6:00 p.m. Registration is now open on Realm Connect for \$20.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/events.

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