



Happy Easter!

We're glad you're here! We hope you experience the warmth and welcome of Christ our Savior in this community.



If this is your first time visiting, please fill out a **Visitor's Card** (located in the pew in front of you) and place it in the offering basket later in the service. We would love to meet you and help you get connected.



This Order of Worship will be your guide to our service, and there are notes in the margins explaining the different elements of our liturgy.



Finally, if you would like to speak to someone who can answer any questions you may have about our church, please visit the **Welcome Desk**, which will be on your left after you exit the Sanctuary.

Easter Flowers & Decorations

Each year, we are blessed by an outstanding team of volunteers (led by Anna Hogan) who sacrifice their Saturday before Easter Sunday to decorate the sanctuary. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, and serving our church so well in this way!

Liturgy Notes

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column answers the “what” and “why” of each element of our liturgy.

Call to Worship

The Call to Worship is traditionally the first element in a Christian liturgy, serving as the moment of consecration. God’s word is used to invite us into the sacred time of corporate worship, and we respond with our voices as an answer to His call.

Congregational Singing

A unique aspect of Christian worship is that we sing together. Our singing is an expression of love for God and joy in his gospel. Singing strong hymns grounded in the truths of our theology raises our eyes from awe of the created to awe of the Creator. Scripture commands us to sing. Beautiful voices are not required, but a community joining together to sing truth and to sing it with passion and conviction is beautiful to our God.

Invocation

The minister invokes the presence of God that is promised to those who gather in His name. We ask for God to join us in worship, to lead us in worship, and to be pleased with our worship.

Order of Worship

April 21, 2019 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *Canzona par sonare No. 2* (by Giovanni Gabrieli)

Horizon Brass

Call to Worship from 1 Corinthians 15

MINISTER: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: He is risen indeed!

MINISTER: Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall all be changed!

PEOPLE: In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised imperishable.

MINISTER: For when the perishable is clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal is clothed with immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

PEOPLE: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

MINISTER: O death, where is your victory?

PEOPLE: O death, where is your sting?

Rejoicing in Song *Easter Celebration* (arr. Courtney/Biery)

CHOIR: O sons and daughters of the King, whom heavenly hosts in glory sing, today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The strife is o’er, the battle done; now is the victor’s triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia! Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son; endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where Thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son, endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won!

CONGREGATION & CHOIR: Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Hymnal #277)

CHOIR: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen! Amen

Invocation

Welcome, Announcements, and Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 36:33-36 (Pew Bible p. 724)

Read by Tricia Brown

LEADER:

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,...

PEOPLE:

...but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

Confession of God's People

UNISON:

O Risen Christ, we have dishonored the truth of your resurrection.

Victory is certain, yet we are anxious.

Hope is secured, yet we are cynical.

Blessings are boundless, yet we are ungrateful.

New life is offered, yet we resist it.

Death is defeated, yet we fear it.

Jesus is Lord, yet we fail him.

Forgive our unfaithfulness, show us again the empty tomb, and transform our lives according to the power of the Spirit who raised Christ Jesus from the dead.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Is Jesus Christ your Lord?

PEOPLE:

He is.

MINISTER:

Is Jesus Christ risen from the dead?

PEOPLE:

He is.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 10

MINISTER:

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Confession of God's People

In the Confession of Sin we humbly agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. This is the most honest moment of our week, as we confess our sin and shame together. We do this corporately through a unison litany or prayer and individually through a moment of silence for private confession.

Repentance of God's People

Our time of confession becomes a time of fresh commitment through corporate repentance. Together we boldly turn from all evil and offer our lives again to God. Only say these words if you are indeed willing to repent of your sins.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Confession and repentance is always met with the surety of God's grace. The minister proclaims to the penitent community words of pardon from Scripture, assuring our hearts of the grace that is already ours in Christ Jesus.

Greeting of Peace

We extend to others the grace that God has extended to us, greeting each other with the peace of Christ. In the midst of a fractured world filled with prejudice, hatred, and violence, we are a demonstration of God's reconciliation. Worshipers greeted one another with the words of Christ after His resurrection, which became the customary greeting of the early Church: "Peace be with you."

Hymn of Renewal *Crown Him With Many Crowns* (arr. Benjamin Harlan)

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 thro' 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!
Yet downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of Life! Who triumphed o'er the grave.
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n! Enthroned in worlds above.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns! As thrones before Him fall.
Crown Him ye kings with many crowns for He is King of all! Amen.

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convictional truths of orthodoxy by reciting the ancient creeds of our faith. We share these words with saints throughout the centuries as well as those throughout the world today. This also serves as a bold proclamation to the watching world of what we believe is true.

Confession of Faith from the Heidelberg Catechism, questions 57 & 58

MINISTER:

How does the resurrection comfort you?

PEOPLE:

Not only will my soul be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but also my very flesh will be raised by the power of Christ, reunited with my soul, and made like Christ's glorious body.

MINISTER:

How does everlasting life comfort you?

PEOPLE:

Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever.

Gloria "Hymn to Joy"

(arr. Biery; verses 1 & 3 text: C. Wordsworth; verse 2 text: R. Cunningham; tune: Beethoven)

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voi - ces raise; Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Sa - vior for the world's sal -
va - tion bled, Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ri - sen from the dead.

**2. Real our evils, deep our sorrows, burdened sinners cry to thee;
Jesus Christ expels our shadows turning tears to jubilee.
Sin redeeming, pain undoing, crosses yield to empty tombs;
God's salvation unrelenting 'til He sees His people new.**

**3. Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;
Glorious life, and life immortal, on this resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise;
We with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.**

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *And Can it Be?* (Text: Charles Wesley; arr. Dan Forrest)

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For, O my God, it found out me. And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that thou, my God shouldst die for me? Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!

Gospel Storytime:

After the Offertory Anthem, children ages 4 - Kindergarten may be dismissed to Room 101 for prayer, singing, and a lesson from the Gospel Story Bible. They will return to the Sanctuary at the end of the sermon for their Communion blessing.

Offering

The offering is received, not merely as a way to pay the bills, but as an act of worship. In response to the God from whom all blessings flow, we give freely, joyfully, and sacrificially to His beloved bride, the Church.

Anthem

It is not just financial offerings that we give to God during this time but offerings of beauty as well. While the offering is collected, our choir offers up to God beautifully-composed music with text that meditates upon the truths of the gospel and the promises of God. God's gift of music (along with the work of his Spirit) helps us feel deeply and marvel at who he is, what he has done, and what he will do.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please note:

We offer both wine and grape juice in Holy Communion: wine is in the outer ring of cups, and the grape juice is in the inner rings of cups. Also, gluten-free bread is offered at the center table.

Children's Blessing:

Children (of any age) who have not professed faith in Christ are encouraged to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing from the pastor or officer.

Words of Institution

MINISTER:

Let us together proclaim the hope of the Church:

UNISON:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!

MINISTER:

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Holy Communion *In Christ Alone* (Getty/Townend; arr. Mark Hayes)

Hymn of Response *Joy to the Heart* **Music on Page 9**

Benediction & Postlude

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God (by B Marcello)



Today's Musicians

Jim Corcoran, percussion
Jane Ritter, organ
Deb Endean, piano
Suzanne Dovel, director
Chelsea Steyn, director

Horizon Brass

Gregory Wing, trumpet
Deb Eastwood, trumpet
L. Curtis Hammond, horn
Justin Croushore, trombone
Stacy Baker, tuba

Communion

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a holy ordinance, wherein Christ and his gospel are represented and applied to His people. Though the bread and wine are not literally the body and blood of Jesus, this meal is far more than a sentimental reminder. It is spiritual nourishment to our souls and a means of growth in His grace. Communion is the family meal of Christians, and all followers of Jesus who are in good standing with His Church are invited to partake.

Benediction

The minister raises His hands and pronounces God's benediction over the congregation, sending them forth with assurance from on high. Stretch forth your hands and open wide your hearts to receive the abundant blessings that are yours in Christ Jesus!

Prayer

Prayer is available after the service to any in need. The Elder on Call will be waiting by the communion table to pray with you.

Prayer Chain

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Joy to the Heart

John Bennett, 1920-1991

Tilton

Tune and setting by K. Lee Scott



1. Look there! the Christ, our Broth-er, comes re - splen-dent from the gal - lows
2. Good Je - sus Christ in - side his pain looked down Gol - go - tha's ston - y
3. Good Je - sus Christ, our Broth-er, died in dark - est hurt up - on the
4. Look there! the Christ, our Broth-er, comes re - splen-dent from the gal - lows



tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.
slope and let the blood flow from his flesh to fill the springs of liv - ing hope.
tree to of - fer us the worlds of light that live in-side the Trin - i - ty.
tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.

Refrain



Joy! joy! joy_ to the heart all in this good day's_ dawn - ing!



Joy! joy! joy_ to the heart all in this good day's_ dawn - ing!

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(Stanza 4 Repeat Refrain)

AFTER FINAL REFRAIN:

CHOIR: Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart!

Weekly Information

Attendance: 914

Sunday School: 224

Today's Deacons on Duty:

Bobby Pepiot and Tyler Strow

Giving Report: For more info, visit tcpca.org/give

March Actual Giving: \$126,451

March Giving Goal: \$189,848

Difference: -\$63,397

YTD Actual Giving (Oct-Mar): \$1,007,250

YTD Giving Goal (Oct-Mar): \$1,069,635

Difference: -\$62,385

Announcements

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Calendar

Sunday, April 21

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, No Sunday School

11:15 am, Worship of the Living God

2:00 pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Monday, April 22

7:00pm, Scouts

Wednesday, April 24

6:30am, Men's Bible Study

12:00pm, Men's Bible Study

6:30pm, Youth Group

6:30pm, Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

12:30pm, Access Prayer Group

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am, Worship of the Living God

10:20 am, Sunday School

11:15am, Worship of the Living God

2:00pm, Lafayette Place Seniors Worship

Pastors & Staff

Ministers

Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister
Rev. Mark Randle, Associate Minister
Rev. Sam Taaffe, Director of RUF at U.K.
Rev. Will Witherington, Assistant Minister

Ministry Directors

Kelly-Anne Bradley, Women's Ministry Director
Nate Jones, Director of Community & Outreach
Mac Holt, Director of Youth Ministries
Jennifer Matocha, Director of Children's Ministries
LeeAnn Raleigh, Nursery Director

Administrative Staff

Paul Adams, Administrative Assistant
Drew Banta, Facilities Manager
Ruth Binkowski, Administrative Assistant
Suzanne Dovel, Children's Choir & Handbells
Deb Edean, Staff Musician
Chloe Gabbard, Administrative Assistant
Bobby Pepiot, Church Administrator
Kasie Ralston, Administrative Assistant
Chelsea Steyn, Choir Director

Elders

Parish 1

Greg Anderson
Robert Cunningham
(Moderator)
Jeff Ford
Wayne Marlowe
Mark Randle (T.E.)
Andy Waters

Parish 2

Ron Whitley
Casey Willis

Parish 3

David Cowen
Jason DeLong
Andy Hardin
Doug Hardy
Justin Hubbard

Parish 4

Rick Edean
Grant Rowe

Parish 5

Tim Green (Clerk)
Jamie Hinely

Deacons

Parish 1

Dan Breeden
Mark Garrison
Ralph Haddock
Verne Kern
Matt McEwen (Chair)
Bobby Pepiot
Harry Standinger

Parish 2

Austin Willard

Parish 3

Mark Deicher
Jay Siekmann

Parish 4

Jordan Ellis
Devin Johnson
Luke McAnally
Andrei Shliakhau
Tyler Strow

Parish 5

Jim Guinn
Tim Meador
Justin Provost
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