



Tates Creek
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



He is risen!

Welcome to our church!

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



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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“Beauty now for ashes wear,
Perfumes for the garb of woe,
Chaplets for disheveled hair,
Dances for sad footsteps slow;
Open wide your hearts that they
Let in joy this Easter Day.

Seek God's house in happy throng;
Crowded let His table be;
Mingle praises, prayer, and song,
Singing to the Trinity.
Henceforth let your souls always
Make each morn an Easter Day.”

- Gerard Manley Hopkins

COVER ARTWORK

White Lily Under Clouds

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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.

Order of Worship

April 17, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

Easter Sunday

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *Prayer of Ukraine*

Oleksandr Konysky | Mykola Lysenko
Arr. Ben Roundtree

Call to Worship

LEADER: Christ is risen.

ALL: He is risen indeed!

LEADER: In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

ALL: He is risen indeed!

LEADER: Jesus has come that we may have life, and have it to the fullest. (John 10:10)

ALL: He is risen indeed!

LEADER: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor 5:17)

ALL: He is risen indeed!

LEADER: God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. (Acts 2:24)

ALL: He is risen indeed!

LEADER: Christ is risen.

ALL: He is risen indeed!

Hymn of Rejoicing *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

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Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns and earth reply alleluia!

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Lives again our glorious King alleluia!
Where O death is now thy sting alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save alleluia!
Where thy victory O grave alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise 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!

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Rejoicing *Joy To The Heart*

Words by John Bennet
Tune and setting by K. Lee Scott
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Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes
Resplendent from the gallows 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 dawning.
Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning.

Good Jesus Christ inside His pain
Looked down Golgotha's stony slope
And let the blood flow from His flesh
To fill the springs of living hope. **(REFRAIN)**

Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died
In darkest hurt upon the tree
To offer us the worlds of light
That live inside the Trinity. **(REFRAIN)**

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes
Resplendent from the gallows tree
And what he brings in His hurt hands
Is life on life for you and me. **(REFRAIN)**

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.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 61:1-7

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;
but you shall be called the priests of the LORD;
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
and in their glory you shall boast.
Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
they shall have everlasting joy.

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, **but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

Confession of God's People

LEADER: O Risen Christ, we have dishonored the truth of Your resurrection.

LEADER: Victory is certain...

PEOPLE: ...yet we are anxious.

LEADER: Hope is secured...

PEOPLE: ...yet we are doubtful.

LEADER: Blessings are boundless...

PEOPLE: ...yet we are ungrateful.

LEADER: New life is offered...

PEOPLE: ...yet we resist it.

LEADER: Death is defeated...

PEOPLE: ...yet we fear it.

LEADER: Jesus is King...

PEOPLE: ...yet we fail Him.

LEADER: 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

LEADER: Do you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead?

PEOPLE: We do.

Assurance of God's Pardon

 from Romans 10:9

LEADER: 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.

Hymn of Renewal

 See *What A Morning* **(Sheet Music on Page 10)**

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

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See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen
See God's salvation plan wrought in love
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives
Christ is risen from the dead

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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.

See Mary weeping where is He laid
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again
The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honor and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead
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RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism #57 and #58

LEADER: 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.

LEADER: 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.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convicting 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.

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.

Hymn of Preparation *Our God Reigns* (Sheet Music on Page 11)

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How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him
Who brings good news good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness
Our God reigns our God reigns

REFRAIN:

Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

He had no stately form, He had no majesty
That we should be drawn to Him
He was despised and we took no account of Him
Yet now He reigns with the Most High (**REFRAIN**)

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty
He is alive He is alive
God loves us so see here His hands, His feet, His side
Yes we know He is alive! (**REFRAIN**)

GOSPEL STORYTIME

At this time, children ages 4 - Kindergarten may be dismissed to Room 103 for prayer, singing, and a lesson from the Gospel Story Bible. They will return to the Sanctuary at the end of the sermon to be with their families during Communion.

Scripture Reading John 20:24-28

24Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. **25**So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.”

26Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” **27**Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” **28**Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!”

LEADER: The Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham “Demanding Evidence”

Sermon

The preaching of God’s Word in the context of holy worship is the primary means of God’s voice to His people. Our trust is not in the ability of the preacher, but in the promise that God, by His Spirit working in and through His word, is speaking to us in exceptional ways. Therefore, we open our minds and hearts to the uniquely formative power of ordained preaching.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE NOTE:

You will be released from your pew to come forward and receive the communion elements, and we will take the elements together once everyone has been served.

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

Choir Anthem: *And Can It Be?*

Text: Charles Wesley | Tune: PLEW (original hymn tune) | Arr. Dan Forreast

Hymn of Response *Thine Be The Glory*

Edmond Louis Budry | George Frideric Handel | Richard Birch Hoyle
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Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

REFRAIN:

**Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.**

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. **(REFRAIN)**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love;
Bring us safe thro' Jordan to Thy home above. **(REFRAIN)**

Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God; **PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.**

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.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to share prayer requests with our church prayer chain, we would love to pray for you. Please feel free to send an email to:

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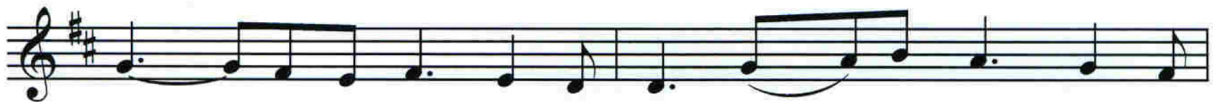
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1. See ___ what a morn - ing, glo - rious - ly bright, with the
2. See ___ Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where ___ is he laid?" as in
3. One ___ with the Fath - er, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing ___ of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; Fold - ed the grave - clothes,
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears ___ a voice speak - ing,
Spi - rit ___ who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bles - sing,



tomb ___ filled with light, as the an - gels ___ an - nounce Christ is
cal - ling her name: It's the Mas - ter, ___ the Lord, raised to
glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au -



ri - sen. See God's sal - va - tion ___ plan wrought in
life ___ a - gain! The voice that spans the ___ years, speak - ing
thor - i - ty! And we are raised with ___ Him. Death is



love, born in pain, and paid in sa - cri - fice! Ful - filled in
life, stir - ring hope, and bring - ing peace ___ to us! Will sound till
dead! Love has won! O Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the ___ Man, for He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
He ap - pears, for He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
reign with ___ Him, for He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Our God Reigns

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1. How love - ly on the moun - tains are the feet of Him
2. He had no state - ly form; He had no maj - es - ty,
3. Out of the tomb He came with grace and maj - es - ty;



who brings good news, good news an - nounc - ing peace, pro -
that we should be drawn to Him. He was des - pised, and
He is a - live He is a - live! God loves us so: see



claim - ing news of hap - pi - ness. Our God reigns: Our God
we took no ac - count of Him, Yet now He reigns with the most
here His hands, His feet, His side. Yes, we know He is a -



reigns!
High. Our God reigns. Our God reigns! Our God
live.



reigns! Our God reigns!

Announcements

Foundations Weekend April 22-23

Our next membership class will take place this weekend on April 22 & 23. The sessions will take place Friday night and Saturday morning, with Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast provided. We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology. To sign up, go to tcpca.org/foundations or scan this QR code. Please email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org.



Mac Holt Ordination Service on April 24

Join us during the 9:00 service on April 24 for the ordination and installation of Mac Holt! There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service to celebration Mac's ordination.

Save the Date! Healthy Aging Symposium on May 14

This long-awaited event will be held in the Sanctuary the morning of Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to noon. We have six experts who will present a wealth of practical information pertinent to all ages, whether you are already a senior, or you have aging family and friends -- in other words, everyone! Break-out sessions where you can ask questions will be included. Please mark your calendar, and watch for more specific information right after Easter.

VBS Registration Is Now OPEN!

Join us for a fun-filled week at Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 13th-17th from 9am to 12pm each day as we learn about the greatness of God! Each day at VBS, kids will participate in awesome Bible adventures, play teamwork-building games, sing catchy songs, devour yummy treats, make fun crafts and have lots of fun! Register today on our VBS website at tcpca.org/vbs or by scanning this QR code.



Volunteer at VBS!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an exciting week in the life of our church that brings the gospel to life for our children through Bible lessons, worship, silly skits, games and so much more! The more volunteers we have, the more kids we can welcome to VBS. Jump in on the fun alongside the kids or serve behind the scenes, we'll help you find the perfect place to use your gifts. Register today at tcpca.org/vbs.

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

March Giving: \$178,580	Total FY Giving (Oct-Mar): \$1,441,087
March Goal: \$174,992	Giving Goal (Oct-Mar): \$1,338,504
Difference: +\$3,588	Difference: +\$102,583

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