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Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, April 4, 2021

During the prelude, please prepare your heart to worship our gracious, Almighty God together.

Meditation

1CORINTHIANS 15:3-8

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.”

Prelude

JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

“Russian Easter” - Rimsky-Korsakoff

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

Book of Common Worship

Leader: Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

People: Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Leader: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

People: Glory to you, Blessed Trinity, now and forevermore. Amen.

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 277

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

- 1 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!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!
- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head; Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 283

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

- 1 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise; sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise: he who on the cross a victim for the world’s salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Christ is risen, Christ the first fruits of the holy harvest field, which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield: then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave, ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.
- 3 Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory; alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity. Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

Easter Litany

Book of Common Worship

Leader: O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your victory, we pray to you:

People: Hear us, Lord of glory.

Leader: O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:

People: Hear us, Lord of glory.

Leader: O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. Through your victory, we pray to you:

People: Hear us, Lord of glory.

Leader: O Christ, you are glorified by angels in heaven, and worshiped on earth. On the glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:

People: Hear us, Lord of glory.

Leader: Save us, O Christ our Lord, in your goodness, extend your mercy to your people who await the resurrection, and have mercy on us.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory.

Leader: O Merciful God, You raised Your beloved Son, and in Your love You established him as head of Your church, and ruler of the universe. By Your goodness we pray:

People: Hear us, Lord of glory.

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

People: Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

DR. DAWSON

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" (Getty)

Dismiss Children For Children's Church (3 & 4 year olds)

Reading of Holy Scripture

MARK 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" ⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid."

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

"What Kind of Story?"

Hymn of Preparation *

N^o 273

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (stanzas 1-3)

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia! unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Response *

N^o 273

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (stanza 4)

4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer

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.*

Benediction

* Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Mark 16:1-8

“What Kind of Story?”

- I. The True Story That Calls Us to Faith

- II. The War Story That Calls Us to Hope

- III. The Incomplete Story That Calls Us to Action

A **BABY SHOWER** for Alex Word Adams will be held Sunday, April 25 at 2 pm in the church fellowship hall. Alex and Michael are expecting Jack Lawler Adams in June and are registered on Amazon and Target. Masks are optional.

Announcements

Communion: Please prepare your hearts to receive the Lord’s Supper this morning. At the appropriate time in the service you will peel the top off the package to access the wafer. We will partake together. Then you will peel off the top to the juice at the appropriate time and we will partake together.

Children and Parents: No Children’s activities this evening. We will resume on April 11th at 5:30 PM at the Inman’s home (108 Rollingwood Dr.)

Adult & Youth Sunday School classes: The Adult and Youth Sunday School classes are meeting in the fellowship hall. Dr. Neill is continuing his study of 1&2 Samuel. Please join us.

2021 Offering Envelopes: Offering Envelopes are in the breezeway.

Flowers: 2021 calendar is on the bulletin board downstairs. If you have a date you prefer, please sign up early to reserve that date. Feel free to call the church office to sign up.

BELL RINGERS: Today: Graham Belknap **Next Week:** Gracey Napier

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00):	Mar 28	91
Live Views		14
Total Online Views		27
Sunday School		58
Last Week’s Offering:		\$4,685.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$ 74,944.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$ 93,093.00 (-18,149)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edsell Parks, long-time member and deacon of BPC, by his Shepherding Group.

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IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Bill Goodman (MTW Global Training & Development)
 - **Ministry of the Month:** French Camp
 - **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Scotty Dickey (Andrew Rush)
 - **Child(ren) of the Week:** Jesse and Jonathan Dickey
 - **College Student of the Week:** Samuel Hellier
 - God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**
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- **Bill Glover:** recuperating at home from surgery to repair a fractured patella. It is a painful and slow process and his Parkinson's makes it all more difficult.
 - **Ken Bramlett:** passed away; please be in prayer for the family.
 - **Jerry Moore:** please pray for him to regain his strength.
 - **Jimmy Carmen** was just diagnosed with Ocular Myasthenia Gravis. He can't see out of his left eye. He is waiting to get an appointment with a specialist. Please pray for the appointment to happen soon. Please pray for Lois and Jimmy.
 - **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): still has not gotten her sense of smell back after having COVID-19; please pray that the blood clots that she has will go away.
 - **Cindy Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): had open heart surgery; has been moved to Select Specialty Hospital, Madison, WI; husband, Gary, has been allowed to go visit her. She has good days and bad. She is still on a ventilator, which they are trying to ween her off of; could still be in the hospital another 4 to 6 months yet due to her present condition.
 - **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease; responding well to medication.
 - **Danny Fillinger** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.
 - **Debbie Ford** (Beeg Ford's daughter-in-law): had heart surgery Dec 3rd; improving; Doctors are still working to regulate her heart.
 - **Bob Booth:** has ALS; receiving physical, occupational and respiratory therapies, as well as, home health.
 - **Alex Word Adams:** expecting mother; due date June 27.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Will Glover** (Marsha & Bill Glover's Son): his MRI of 3/11 showed a couple of spots that doctors are planning to treat with a chemo IV. Please pray that the insurance company will cooperate in this endeavor. He is getting PT and OT at Methodist Rehab.
 - **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's Nephew): latest scan showed that Andrew's cancer has grown more than 20%, which makes him ineligible for the trial. MD Anderson and Sloan Kettering discussed next treatment options and agreed upon a new drug combination treatment. He has started that treatment in Tuscaloosa as prescribed by MDA. Please pray for relief from nausea and vomiting, which appear to be very real with this chemo, for him to maintain an appetite and for shrinkage of the tumors.
 - **Sherrill Smith** (Jim Smith's sister): brain & lung cancer; has completed radiation on brain tumors and has begun chemo for the lung cancer.
 - **Gib Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' Father): esophageal cancer; good report from the oncologist; they are pleased that the cancer is slowly progressing and not creating too many problems; tires easily some days but for the most part is doing well; next oncologist follow up is in July.
 - **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. 3 years out from extensive surgery and he has had 3 years of stable scans.
 - **John** (French Camp Student): stage 4 Lymphoma; spread to his bones; admitted to St. Jude; started chemo Jan 27th.
 - **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15th birthday, Jan 18th.
 - **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' Uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking; receiving treatment.
 - **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer; through with Chemo, doing well.
 - **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)
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- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Bob & Jody Nelson, Laverne Parks, Laverne Roberts
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- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (S. Korea; Sam Heath's nephew); Isaac Jay (Army, Fort Polk; Elton & Sonia Jay's grandson); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)