

Grace *at home*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

Worship online at gpch.org

Christ Still Rises (Bjorlin, Brody)
Mi Ou Lee, Organist
Ivy Castle Simpson, vocals

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Trey Little, Senior Pastor

Glorious Day (Ingram, Smith, Stanfill, Curran)

Hymn 194: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Morning Prayer

Heather Kaemingk, Director of Worship and Liturgy

O Praise The Name [Anástasis] (Hastings, Usher, Sampson)

Time for Young Disciples

Traci Baudin, Director of Children's Ministry

Expressing our Gratitude

The Rev. Chris French, Pastor of Missional Living
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Ain't No Grave (J. Helser, M. Helser, Skaggs)

Sermon Text

Psalm 23:6; Luke 24:1-12

Sermon

Living with Holy Expectation: Exceeding Expectations

Living Hope (Johnson, Wickham)

Benediction

Choral Response

Lord of the Dance (arr. Rutter)
Olivia Spencer, soprano

Postlude

Toccata (Widor)

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Invitation and Gathering

Consider lighting a candle to signal that worship has begun and that God is present wherever and whenever two or more gather in God's name. When we gather for worship we acknowledge that God is the one who gathers us together.

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Application Questions

1. If life is akin to surgery right now, where are you hurting? In what ways might it help to reflect on Jesus as the Wounded Surgeon who has felt every pain of sorrow alongside you?
2. How do you see resurrection hope in your life today? Where and how does seeing hope feel difficult?
3. How would you live if you knew you would never die? Name three things that you would do differently.

Call to Prayer

From 1 Peter 1:18-21

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Prayer

God of our salvation,

If at times we deny you: God forgive.

When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found:

God forgive.

When we wash our hands of responsibility while those around us suffer:

God forgive.

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver: God forgive.

When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it: God forgive.

Hear us now as we bring our own confessions before you...

Brief time of silence

Prayers of the People

God of life, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, his defeat over death, and his gift of new life. In prayer before you, we praise you for the reflections of that new life around us...

—continued—

Trusting that you are the giver of new life and renewed hope, we bring our prayers for the world before you now...

(take a few minutes to lift up the needs of the world before God now)

Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one, who taught us to pray together saying...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Declaration of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer #45

Question: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

Answer: **First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.**

Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Sending

We do not worship for ourselves alone, but for the sake of the world. God gathers us, speaks to us, and feeds us so that we might be formed into people who look and act like Jesus in our everyday lives.

Benediction

As Christ burst forth from the tomb,
may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love
and healing to a hurting world.

And may that same Christ,
who lives forever and is the source of our new life,
keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always.
Amen.

Activity:

Immerse yourself in the Easter Week Scriptures below. Pick a few of your favorites that remind you of the HOPE and VICTORY we have in Jesus. Write them out, have your kids color them and put them all over your house to help us remember that death and sin do not have the final word! Choose FIVE people who have been on your heart and send each of them one scripture verse with a note that you are praying for them to be surrounded by the Hope of Jesus this week.

Dig Deeper:

Read through texts that outline the power of Christ's Resurrection this week:
Job 19:23-29; Psalm 49, 93, 107, 117, 118, 136, 149; Isaiah 25:6-9, 51:9-11, 65:17-25; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Daniel 7:13-14; Zechariah 3; Matthew 28:1-10;
Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-35; John 2:13-25; John 11:17-32, 20:1-23; Acts 10:34-43;
Romans 6:1-11; all of chapter 8; 1 Corinthians 15; Colossians 2:6-3:4;
1 Peter 1:3-12.