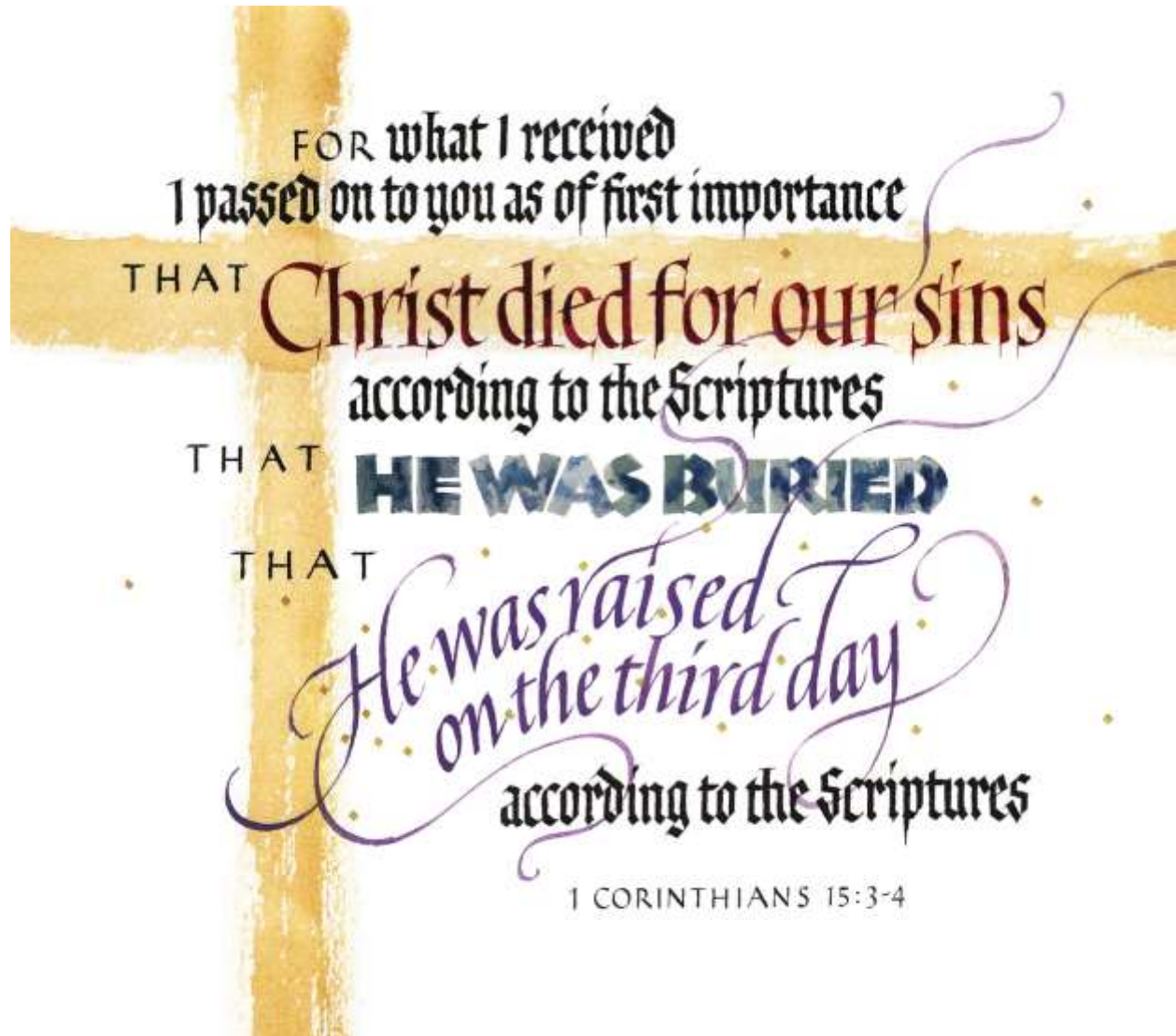


*He is Risen!*



1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4



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## Welcome to Worship

APRIL 4, 2021

*Christ is Risen!*  
*Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed!*

**Gathering Song: Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

**† Call to Worship** (from 1 Corinthians 15, 2 Timothy 1:10)

Pastor: Now is Christ Jesus risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**People:** For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through a man.

Pastor: For as in Adam all die, so in Christ will all be made alive.

**People:** For He must reign until he has put all enemies under his feet.

Pastor: Our Savior, Christ Jesus, has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

**Unison: Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**

**† Hymn: Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder** (page 10)

**† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Ralph Klein)

### Acts 10:34-43 Responsive

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

<sup>36</sup>**You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.**

<sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup>**“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.**

<sup>41</sup>He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup>**He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”**

### Hebrews 10:11-18 Responsive

<sup>11</sup>Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

<sup>12</sup>**But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. <sup>14</sup>For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.**

<sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

<sup>16</sup>**“This is the covenant I will make with them  
after that time, says the Lord.**

**I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds.”**

<sup>17</sup>Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

<sup>18</sup>**And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

† Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

† Hymn: Who is He in Yonder Stall? (page 11)

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

arr: Jack Schrader

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Second Scripture Readings

(Reader: Ralph Klein)

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

<sup>2</sup> **By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.**

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

<sup>6</sup> **After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.**

## John 20:1-18 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

<sup>2</sup> **So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”**

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

<sup>6</sup> **Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.**

<sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> **Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.**

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

**“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.**

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

**Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”**

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

**She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).**

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

<sup>18</sup> **Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon: Why Did Jesus Sit Down? (Part 1)

Dr. James N. McGuire

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### † The Apostles Creed Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7) Unison

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is every before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are proved right when you speak  
and justified when you judge.

<sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> Surely you desire truth in the inward parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

<sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean,  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

## Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper

### † Hymn: O Mighty Cross

### † Responsive Litany (Revelation 1:5b-8, 18)

Pastor: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

**People: "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen!**

Pastor: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

**Unison: I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.**

### † Benediction

### Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth



## *Easter Lilies*

In honor of our pastor, Jimmy McGuire, and with thanks for his leadership and love for our flock.

Cheri and Ray Boone in memory of their parents, Helen and Bill Odell and Raymond and Ruth Boone

Judy Carr in honor of her friend and neighbor, Darlene Little

Cathie Cheslak in memory of Leo Cheslak and Tom Smith

John and Judy Dellinger in memory of Tom Wall and Jim Falin, brothers-in-law

Scott and Chester Doak in memory of Lee Doak, mother of Scott and wife of Chester

Janet Evans in honor of George Donoian on his 90th birthday today

Gail Hershenzon in memory of grandmother, Helen Zimmer, and PFC Earl Zimmer, uncle.

Nancy Hill in memory of husband, Richard, and son, Bill

Isles Family in memory of mother Marilyn Isles, and sister, Nancy Isles

Ray and Linda Johnson in honor of Ariel and Jill, our fine mothers

Ralph and Pia Klein in memory of Ralph's mother, Olga Klein



James N. McGuire in honor of Lucy, my wife

Kelly Rende in honor of his mother, Lynda, and in memory of Danna and Julia Rende, wives

Carolyn Sharpe in loving memory of parents, Lee and Adele Morrow

Linda Szczepanek and children, in memory of Gene Szczepanek, husband and grandfather

Linda Szczepanek in memory of Mark Palmer, father of her grandchildren

Bev Thompson in honor of Nancy Hill who has folded bulletins every week for the past five years

Charles and Jackie Wilson in memory of their parents, Jack and Virginia Story and Viola Wilson

Janet Young in memory of her infant daughter, Susan Card

**To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome here among us. Please sign the guest book in the narthex and allow us to greet you. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.**

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**In Need of Prayer**

Charlie Wilson, surgery Friday 3/26  
Sam Hutson, Covid 19 recovery  
Bert Schwab  
Bill Rector  
Brenda Cook, health  
Cindy Taaffee  
Jen Freese, health, grief, training of new therapy dog  
Dennis & Ellen Dorman  
Kent's sister, Lori  
George Donoian and family  
John Dellinger's sister, Nancy  
Don Rende's brother, Bob  
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee  
Mark, cousin of Elaine Clay, cardiac rehab  
Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks  
Linda Szczepanek  
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger  
Janet Evans  
Kaylee Deighton, lymphoma  
Gail Nastwold's family, full recovery from Covid

Justin Eizek, Linda Szczepanek's grandson, knee injury  
Yvonne Ray, assisted living  
Alberta Weaver for stability  
Rita, friend of Bruce Terras, chemotherapy  
Anastasia, for continuing pregnancy  
Alanna, auto accident, more surgeries, rehab  
Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray Johnson's daughter  
Keely & Josh, daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson  
Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs  
Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer  
Brenda's sister, Joyce  
Kelly Rende's co-worker, new cancer  
Grieving families with recent loss of loved ones: Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, Sam Hutson, Dormans  
April's friend Kristen, Kristen's mom with brain cancer---for comfort, salvation  
Baby Jase, mom Lindsay, friends of Linda Johnson  
Cindy Bemis (Engebretsons'daughter)  
Tony, co-worker of Bruce, with bladder cancer  
Sara, Linda/Ray Johnson's daughter Covid  
Suzanne with depression, friend of Clay family

Healthcare Workers: Ray Johnson, Angie O'Dell, Karen Isles, Krystal Murphy, Claudine Sordyl—for protection from Covid; strength for the long hours, and opportunities for sharing Christ.

**Please also pray for people who are struggling over mental health issues, particularly brought on by the stresses of Covid-19, unemployment, etc.**

**Audio Sermons** can be heard on the church website: <http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

**Our Military;** Metzners' grandson Bryan; and relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

*Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.*

Monthly need: \$17,083.00  
Giving to general fund last week: \$4,035  
Giving to general fund in March: \$16,734  
Giving to mortgage in March: \$830

**Heidelberg Catechism: Q 6.** Did God create man so wicked and perverse? **A.** No. God created man good and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that he might truly know God his creator, love him with all his heart, and live with him in eternal happiness for his praise and glory.