

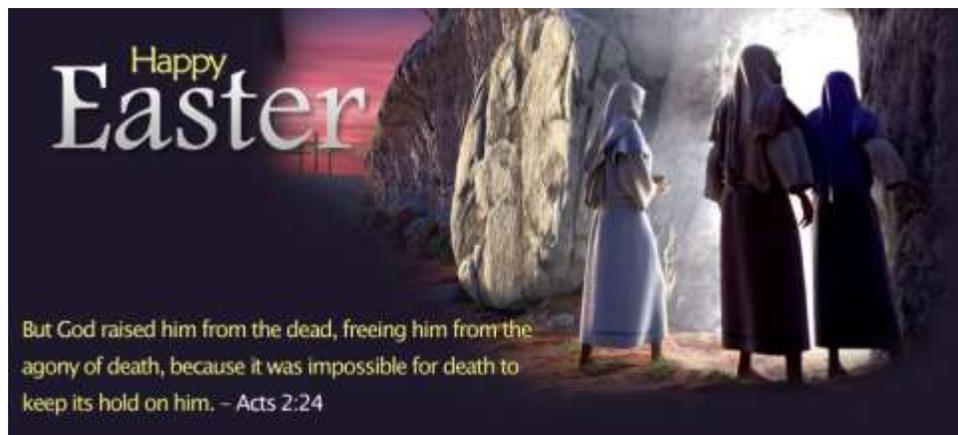


CHRIST  
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## Welcome to Worship

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**Gathering Song: Who is He in Yonder Stall?**

**†Call to Worship** (1 Corinthians 15:20, 21, 56, 57)

Pastor: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**People: Since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also come through a man.**

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**Unison: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**†Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns**

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

## First Scripture Readings

### 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.

### Acts 2:22-36 Responsive

<sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

**<sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But 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. <sup>25</sup> David said about him:**

“I saw the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest in hope,

<sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
you will not let your holy one see decay.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> **“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.**

<sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.

<sup>32</sup> **God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,**

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet.”

<sup>36</sup> **“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”**

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: Grace Greater than Our Sins**

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Pianist: Linda Johnson

### † 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

### 1 Peter 1:3-9 Responsive

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

**This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.**

<sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

**<sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**

### John 20:19-31 Responsive

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

**<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."**

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

**But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."**

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

**<sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."**

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> **Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon: Why Did Jesus Suffer and Die?**

Dr. James N. McGuire

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **† Hymn: Because He Lives**

#### **† Responsive Litany (Romans 8:31-34)**

Pastor: What, then, shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**People: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?**

Pastor: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one.

**Unison: Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**

### **Benediction**

#### **Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

##### **Quick announcements:**

If you donated an Easter lily, please take it home today.

Adult Sunday School resumes next Sunday at 9:30 am in Classroom 3, Pastor teaching.

Wednesday evening Bible study also resumes on April 27 at 6 pm.

**Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor**

<p><b>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 our guest book. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the COVID-19 restrictions.</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12</b></p>	
<p><b>In Need of Prayer</b>                  Janet Young, in rehab after falls                  Linda Szczepanek, multiple family deaths                  Janet Evans, recent injuries                  Jen Freese, pain                  Patty Bodnar                  Alberta Weaver, home                  Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta                  Brenda Cook, blood pressure, poor kidney                  Brenda's siblings, Bernard and Joyce                  Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health                  David, friend of Cindy Taaffee                  Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek                  Cheri Boone's friend, Dot, fall w/injuries                  Grace, injuries, per Gail N.                  Ed Steele for mobility, back pain                  Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer                  Sue Work, full healing while in FL                  Karen Isles, hip pain                  Boone's friend caring for invalid, age 102  <b>Pray for the Persecuted Church</b>  <b>Pray for the war in Ukraine</b></p>	<p><b>In Need of Prayer</b>                  Chuck Krueger, son of Carolyn Krueger, knee surgery/fall                  Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski                  Katalee Deighton, recovering from surgery                  Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer                  Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, improving                  Margaret, Wilson's friend, brain tumor                  Keely, daughter of Linda Johnson, husband at sea 6 months                  Gail Nastwold, for health                  Darlene Little, heart health                  John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer                  Scott MacKenzie, son of Jim &amp; Patty MacKenzie                  Rose, friend of Boone's, COVID complications                  First responders &amp; Border Patrol for safety &amp; wisdom                  Karen Isles' brother-in-law, Lance, anxiety, loss of job                  Karen Isles, sister-in-law, beginning chemo for cancer                  Delilah, young relative of the Isles family                  Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia                  Pam Paglino's friend, relatives in Ukraine                  Pray for your elders and deacons                  Salvation for Edward, Laura, Nick</p>
<p><b>Audio Sermons</b> can be heard on the church website: <a href="http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org">http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org</a></p>	<p><b>Our Military:</b> Metzner's grandson; Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq. William, co-worker of Krystal Murphy, recently deployed overseas.</p>
<p><b>Monthly Budget Need: \$18,333</b>  <b>Giving to General Fund last week: \$2,525</b>  <b>Giving to General Fund in April: \$9,710</b>  <b>Giving to Mortgage in April: \$350</b></p>	<p>Please pray for those who have had recent losses in their family, for God's comfort and peace.</p>
<p><b>Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 60.</b> How are you right with God? <b>A.</b> Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.</p>	