



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Colossians 3:1-4

Pastor: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Congregation: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Pastor: For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

All: When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

* **We Sing in Response:** #277 Red Hymnal “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*”

* **We Seek God’s Presence in Prayer**

We Confess Our Sins Together :

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Romans 8:1-2

* **We Sing In Response to God’s Forgiveness:** Handout “*Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death*”

* **We Confess Our Faith Together: Heidelberg Catechism Questions #45-47**

Pastor: *How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?*

Congregation: First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He could make us share in the righteousness which He had obtained for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ’s resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

Pastor: *What do you confess when you say, He ascended into heaven?*

Congregation: That Christ, before the eyes of His disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven, and that He is there for our benefit until He comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: *Is Christ, then, not with us until the end of the world, as He has promised us?*

Congregation: Christ is true man and true God. With respect to His human nature He is no longer on earth but with respect to His divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit He is never absent from us.

We Read From God's Word: 1 Corinthians 15:1-24

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory: *"Jesus Is Risen"* by Ruth Elaine Schram; Offered by The JOY Choir

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal *"Doxology"*

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #272 Black Hymnal *"The Power of the Cross"*

(Children age 4 through kindergarten may be dismissed to Children's Worship)

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: John 20:1-18

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"When Confusion and Sorrow Turned to Resurrection Joy"*
- Pastor Wes James

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #310 Black Hymnal *"Resurrection Hymn"*

* **The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**

Sermon Outline

John 20:1-18

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“When Confusion and Sorrow Turns to Resurrection Joy”

Proposition: The empty tomb of Jesus is our Entry into the reality of the new creation and covenant by which God is making all things new.

Main Point One: Mary’s Confusion

Sub Point One: Mary’s belief > Thieves have stolen Jesus’ body

Main Point Two: Mary’s Tears

Sub Point One: Mary’s Resolve

Sub Point Two: The Angel’s Appearance

Main Point Three: Mary’s Joy

Sub Point One: Jesus’ Words of Assurance

Sub Point Two: Jesus’ Restoration