

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Worship, March 31, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

Pastor: For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.

Congregation: That he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Pastor: and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

All: Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

*** We Sing in Response:** #276 Red Hymnal *“Up from the Grave He Arose”*

* We Seek God’s Presence in Prayer

We Confess Our Sins Together : Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Romans 4:23-25

*** We Sing In Response to God’s Forgiveness:** #272 Black Hymnal *“The Power of the Cross”*

*** 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: Psalm 16 , 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: John 1:4-5 "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory

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

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #310 Black Hymnal "*Resurrection Hymn*"

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Luke 24:1-53

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*The Best Day Ever...Jesus is Risen!*"

– Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #277 Red Hymnal "*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*"

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

Center Grove Presbyterian Church
Sermon Outline- Luke 24:1-53
“The Best Day Ever... Jesus is Risen!”
03-31-24

Proposition: The Resurrection of Jesus was the best day ever, whereby our Lord validated the veracity of all God’s promises, securing eternal life to all who will receive and believe on His name.

Main Point One: The Empty Tomb

Sub Point One: The Women who “went”

Sub Point Two: The Angel’s Message

Sub Point Three: Their Message to the Apostles

Main Point Two: The Road to Emmaus

Sub Point One: The Conversation

Sub Point Two: The Disciples’ Hope

Sub Point Three: Jesus’ Explanation of the Scriptures

Sub Point Four: The Invitation to Dinner

Sub Point Five: Their Message to Jesus’ Disciples

Main Point Three: The Upper Room

Sub Point One: Jesus’ Declaration... “Peace unto You”

Sub Point Two: Jesus’ Invitation.... “See and touch my hands and feet... It is I!”

Sub Point Three: Jesus’ Message

Sub Point Four: Jesus’ Promise