

Covenant Church Presbyterian Church in America Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP THE LORD'S DAY

April 9, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Our deacons have scheduled a church workday for Saturday, April 15th from 9am to 1:00pm. We are asking all who are able to participate to join us. There will be outdoor tasks and indoor tasks supervised by our deacons, and a pizza lunch will be provided for those who participate! If you have any questions, please contact either Darin Akerman or Ken Andersen.

Reception of New Members and the Sacrament of Baptism

Prelude

Covenant Church Children's Choir

† Call to Worship John 11:25-26

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

† Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Unison

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.

† Hymn of Praise

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"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:3-6

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

† Hymn of Assurance

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"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

† Confession of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

John 21:1-17

After this Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and He revealed Himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love You." He said to Him, "Feed My lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?"

Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.

1 John 2:12-17

¹² I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for His name's sake. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. ¹⁴ I write to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life — is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

"The Meaning of the Resurrection"

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology** #571 (TH #734)

"Gloria Patri"

† Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn #357

"The Day of Resurrection!"

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE April 9, 2023 10:30 a.m.

John 21:1-17; 1 John 2:12-17 "The Meaning of the Resurrection"

Introduction

I. The resurrection means sins are forgiven.

(John 21:1-8; 1 John 2:12)

II. The resurrection means the Devil has been defeated.

(1 John 2:12-16)

III. The resurrection means we will live forever.

(1 John 2:17)

IV. The resurrection means God has made an abundant provision.

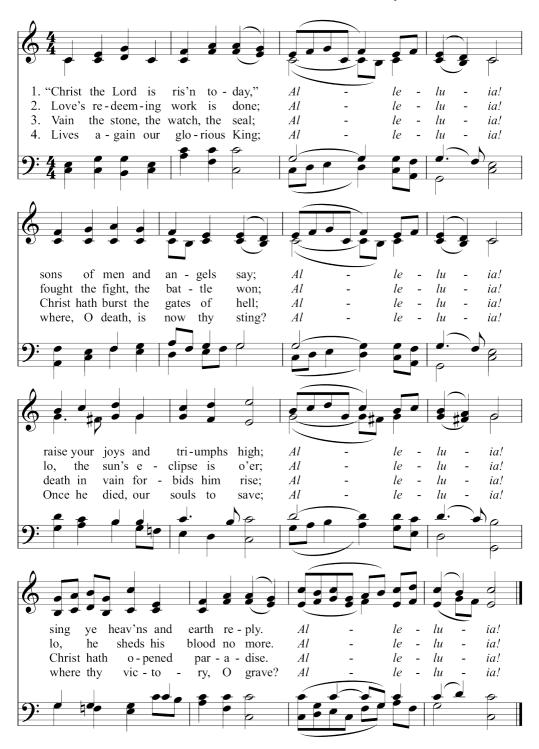
(John 21:9-13)

V. The resurrection means we must follow Jesus and do His will.

(John 21:15-19)

Conclusion

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- 5. Soar we now where Christ hath led, *Alleluia!* foll'wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!* made like him, like him we rise; *Alleluia!* ours the cross, the grave, the skies. *Alleluia!*
- 6. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!* Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!* thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!* hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7.al. Lyra Davidica, 1708; alt.

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright 361



Early medieval Latin hymn Tr. in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861; alt. PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M. Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius, 1609 Arr. George R. Woodward, 1910

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Man of Sorrows! What a Name

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Gloria Patri



2nd cent; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (MEINEKE) Irreg. Charles Meineke, 1844

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The Day of Resurrection!

