

Celebration of the Resurrection

April 16, 2017

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Lord God, thank you for the miracle of Easter. Let us remember to keep living faithfully, though we don't fully understand your ways. Amen

Gathering

PRELUDE

*“Prelude in a Classic Style”
“Christ is Arisen”*

Gordon Young
J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Jan Pennal

*INTROIT #232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (v.1)

Wesley, 1740

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN #232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (v.1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin. First silently, then in unison using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn: we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you

made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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.

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Proclaiming

ANTHEM

*“Christ, Our Passover”
(Chancel Choir)*

Conover

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-9 Bibles, p.108/LG. p.140
The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

Neale, 1862

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 20:10-22 Bibles, p108/ LG. p.140
The Word of God, for the People of God *Thanks be to God*

SERMON

“Empty Tomb, Risen Christ”

Rev. Jimmy Barry

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.” This, we believe. Amen. – The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* C. Anderson

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #248 *“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”* Wren, 1984

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #248 *“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”* (v.3)

POSTLUDE *“Toccata” from Symphony No. V* Widor

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Rev. Jimmy Barry is an ordained Cumberland Presbyterian minister. He has been instrumental in developing adult outreach and children's ministries in churches where he has served and on the mission field in Southeast Asia. At present, Jim lives with his wife, Kay in Tyler where they care for his 95 year-old mother, Dorothy, and two year-old grandson, Lucas. Please welcome Rev. Barry.

This week's prayers and concerns: Robbie Brooks, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Debbie Murphy, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 04/17	Church Offices Closed	
Wed. 04/19	L.E.A.N. Meeting	2:00pm
Thur. 04/20	Session Meeting	6:30pm
Sat. 04/22	Earth Day Prayer Service	10:00am

Church Secretary: Lisa Temple Director of Music: Mark Reeves, CAGO
Custodian: Bob Schauwecker Nursery Attendant: Martha Baughman