

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

Reformed Church in America

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*Welcome to worship, where Jesus always reminds us that
he has the final say - and the final victory -
over the powers of sin and death*

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*Whatever fears have led us to lock the doors of our hearts,
may we discover they're no match for Jesus.
He always stands among us offering his peace.*

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #550 - "He Lives"*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

Christ is risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Make a joyful noise, all you lands.

**SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS AND COME BEFORE THE LORD WITH
SINGING.**

*Know that the Lord is God, it is He who made us and not we ourselves. We are his people
and the sheep of his pasture.*

**ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND INTO HIS COURTS WITH
PRAISE.**

Be thankful to him and bless his name.

**FOR THE LORD IS GOOD AND HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING, AND HIS TRUTH
ENDURES TO ALL GENERATIONS.**

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

** Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

HOW EASY IT IS, O GOD, TO FALL BACK INTO OUR OLD WAYS, OUR OLD LIVES. WE FORGET HOW REMARKABLE IT IS TO SEE THE RISEN CHRIST. WE TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT ANOTHER WEEK HAS PASSED, AND WE REMAIN IN COMFORTABLE ROUTINES. HAVE WE SPENT THIS TIME SINCE EASTER AS CHANGED AS WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN? OR HAVE WE NEGLECTED EASTER LIFE BECAUSE DAILY LIFE BECKONS SO STRONGLY? FORGIVE US WHEN WE FORGET WHAT EASTER MEANS FOR EVERYTHING WE DO. HELP US RECOGNIZE YOUR VOICE AND LISTEN FOR YOUR WORDS THAT DIRECT US TO WHERE WE CAN SERVE. ENABLE US TO DO THE WORK YOU SET BEFORE US. AMEN.

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #398 - "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (vv.3-5,6-8,9)

*Luke 24:13-35 (vv.13-15,16-18,19-21,22-24,25-27,
28-30,31-33,34-35)*

*Sermon- "Resurrection Hope: Hope Deferred On the Road to Emmaus
is Not Denied!"*

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #340- "The Solid Rock"*

Choral Benediction- "Shalom to You" (congregation)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

* *Benediction (Pastor)*

* Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
	12:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" in Hahn Hall.
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Tuesday:	6:45 PM	Bible Study Fellowship (Men's Group) - contact Ed Bungert, zajdml@optimum.net
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Casey * Diane * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kempes * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Mark Cintron * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Regina Harvey * Danielle * Megan McAuley * Elder Don Fecher * Lynn Koester * Jack McCarrick * Maryann Miletto * Premature twins * Elder Ron Rivera * Denise Reidy * Kathy Cortese * Carole Mahon * Pat * Rev. Liz Brantum * Frank Font * Sharon Alexander * Rosa Stewart * Gene Peterson * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Patti Zeig * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera *

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Pat's family * Heather * Donny & Carolyn Rosemond * Nancy & Gene Peterson * Barbara * Jay Escobar & family * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Wintress * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Heather * Zachariah Bungert * Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons * Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Stephanie

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the war with Iran * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * The President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We received the bill from Classis for our annual Assessment payments. Each member is assessed for \$137.00. We ask that you help us make these assessment payments by including the amount along with your weekly offering. You can pay quarterly, \$34.25, if you wish.

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.

550 — He Lives

ALFRED H. ACKLEY

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1. I serve a ris-en Sav-ior—He's in the world to-day,
 2. In all the world a-round me I see His lov-ing care,
 3. Re-joice, re-joice, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that He is liv-ing, what-ev-er men may say;
 And tho my heart grows wea-ry I nev-er will de-spair;
 E-ter-nal hal-le-lu-jahs to Je-sus Christ the King!

I see His hand of mer-cy, I hear His voice of cheer,
 I know that He is lead-ing thru all the storm-y blast,
 The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,

And just the time I need Him He's al-ways near.
 The day of His ap-pear-ing will come at last.
 None oth-er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

CHORUS
 He lives, He lives, Christ Je-sus lives to-day!
 He lives, He lives,

He walks with me and talks with me a-long life's nar-row way.

He lives, He lives, sal-va-tion to im-part!
 He lives, He lives,

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with-in my heart.

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

398 — Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Traditional
Adapted by N. J.

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. by Norman Johnson



1. I am weak but Thou art strong— Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2. Thru this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;

Chorus Just a clos - er walk with Thee— Grant it, Je - sus, if you please;



D.C. for Chorus

I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
On that bright e - ter - nal shore I will walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee— Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



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1 Peter 1:3-9 (vv.3-5,6-8,9)

Luke 24:13-35 (vv.13-15,16-18,19-21,22-24,25-27, 28-30,31-33,34-35)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you rejoice, ^[a] even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen ^[b] him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles ^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ^[b] ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, ^[c] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. ^[d] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah ^[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us ^[f] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Solid Rock — 340

EDWARD MOTE

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-ous-ness;
 2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un - chang-ing grace;
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood;
 4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,

I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 In ev - 'ry high and storm-y gale My an-chor holds with-in the veil.
 When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 Dressed in His right - eous-ness a - lone, Fault-less to stand be - fore the throne.

REFRAIN

On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand— All oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Tune: SOLID ROCK

ASSURANCE AND TRUST