

Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 15:3-7
Minister: *Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the twelve. After that, He was seen by more than 500 of His followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then He was seen by James and later by all of the apostles.*

Invocation Minister

Easter Medley
Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O Grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast one.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where His body lay.

*Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, shatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of Life!
Life is not without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Lo, in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose, a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign,
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior!
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Confession & Pardon Psalm 41:4
1 Peter 2:24

People: "O LORD," I prayed, "have mercy on me. Heal me, for I have sinned against You."
Leader: *Christ personally carried our sins in His body on the cross, so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By His wounds you are healed.*

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Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought,
Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

*This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

I cast my mind to Calvary,
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet;
My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone.

*O praise the name of the Lord our God.
O praise His name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
O Lord, O Lord our God.*

Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of Heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King. (Chorus)

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing sun shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. (Chorus)

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my life, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love! What depths of peace!
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All.
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on the cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world, by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I stand!

Words of Catechesis

The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45

Leader: *How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?*

People: First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Pastoral Prayer

Minister

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Alas! and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I!

*At the Cross, at the Cross where I first saw the light
And the burden of my heart rolled away;
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!*

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature's sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do!

I heard an old, old story,
How a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me:
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sin
And won the victory.

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever,
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing power revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit."
And somehow Jesus came
And brought to me the victory.

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing,
And the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory!

Scripture Reading

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Minister

Sermon

Resurrection Already and Not Yet

Dr. Renton Rathbun

1 Cor. 15:16-21

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Glorious Day

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men; my example is He.
The Word became flesh,
And the Light shined among us,
His glory revealed.

*Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me,
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely, forever:
One day He's coming;
Oh, glorious day! Oh, glorious day!*

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree;
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.
The hands that healed nations,
Stretched out on a tree.
He took the nails for me. (Chorus)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door;
Then He arose, over death He had conquered,
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him.
The grave could not keep Him from rising again.

*Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely, forever:
One day He's coming.
Oh, glorious day! Oh, glorious day!
Glorious day!*

(Bridge)

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming!
One day, the skies with His glory will shine!
Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing!
My Savior, Jesus, is mine!

*Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me,
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely, forever:*

*One day He's coming,
Oh, glorious day! Oh, glorious day!
Glorious day! Oh, glorious day!*

Benediction

Announcements

Tuesday Morning Study Group will conclude "The Fear of the Lord" video series on April 7. Tuesday, April 21 at 10 a.m. we will begin the 2026 Ligonier Conference Sermon Series. See Doug Redding for details.

Women's Bible study meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 10 am. "The Sermon on the Mount" will be discussed. See Deb Redding for details.

Sunday school class: Pastor Renton will be teaching from Proverbs. Come and fellowship at 9:15. We pray and begin our study at 9:30.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets the 2nd Saturday of each month here at the church at 8:00 a.m. See Tom Pratt for details.

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday. See Deon Louw.

Greer Community Ministries: Please bring nonperishable items to help those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

Miracle Hill Overcomers: Please remember to bring coffee and dry coffee supplies for the Overcomers.

Home Care Groups! If you are interested in being part of a Home Group signup on the sheet on the back table.

Please pray for our missionaries. Calvary Home for Children; Frontline Missions India (George); Frontline Missions China (Hansen); Miracle Hill; Peru Missions; Christians Teaching Christians, Piedmont Women's Center



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*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers
and want fellowship;
to all who hunger
and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

April 05, 2026
10:30 a.m.