



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
APRIL 17, 2022

Welcome to Good Shepherd

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If this is your first time with us, we are especially glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters regarding the location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will offer some explanations and hopefully help you participate. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered as we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel each week. We gather not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter and covenant renewal with God. Therefore, our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

We also hope that you will join us after the service. Downstairs in the fellowship hall you will find plenty of refreshments and snacks as well as a warm welcome from our church family. If you have any questions from the sermon you can return to the sanctuary about 15 minutes after the service for our *Ask the Pastor* time. This is a great place to process the wonderful truths of the Gospel that we proclaim.

Lastly, we would love to know that you were here this morning. In the backs of the pews there is an info sheet that you can fill out and put in the offering basket during the service. Don't worry, we won't bombard you with endless emails. We just want an opportunity to say hello. If there is any way that we can pray for you, or if you have questions about the church, you can write those on the back as well.

Wherever you are this morning, our hope is that God would attend to the ministry of His Word, and that you would know the love of your blessed Savior.

A Word to Parents with Young Children

First, we want you to know that we are delighted to have your children in worship with us this morning. There is nothing better that we can give our children than the opportunity to know and worship their Heavenly Father. Any noises that they may make are not an embarrassing distraction, but a beautiful reminder that they are participating in God's means of grace.

We do understand, however, that it is sometimes helpful to have other means of serving our children and families. Through the back doors of the sanctuary you will find a **cry room** if you have little ones that are getting fussy or who need to nurse. We also have an **overflow room** with a live-stream of the service in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Lastly, we have a **nursery** downstairs for children ages 0-3. Staff in the nursery are background checked and trained.



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Service

We invite you to take a few moments this morning to prayerfully prepare to meet with and worship the living God.

God's people come because he first calls them. We open our services this way as a reminder that it is God himself who is calling us into his presence this morning.

Preparation

Preparatory Thought.....

"The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it." (N. T. Wright)

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

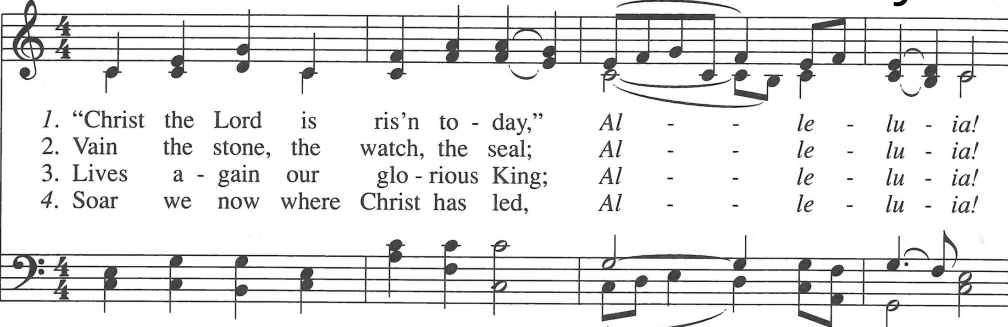
Call to Worship.....Hebrews 12:22-24

Leader: But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

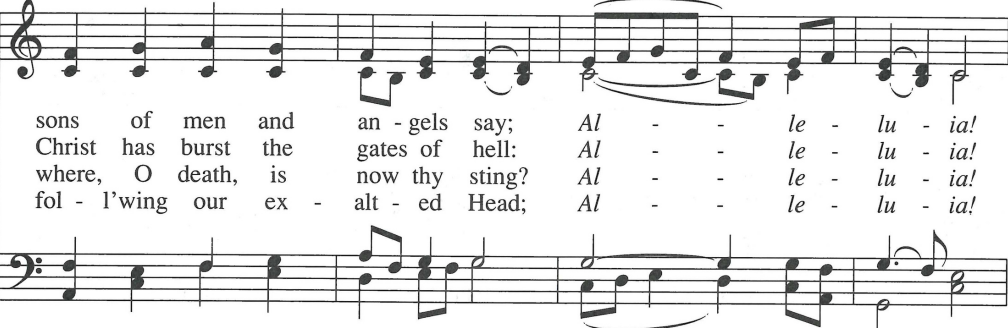
Prayer of Adoration.....

Hymn #277Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today

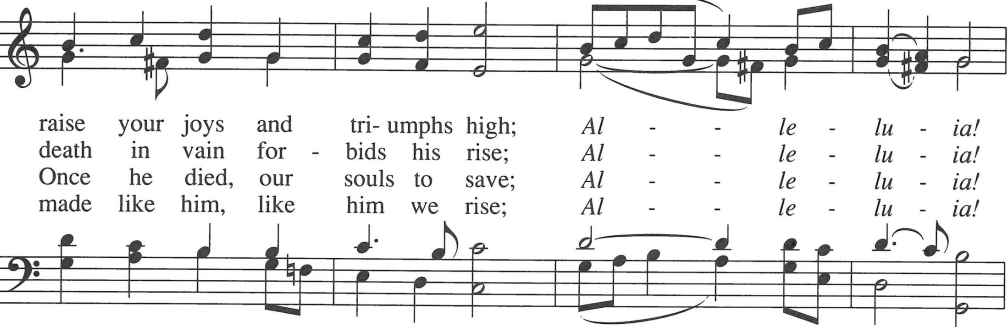
Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today




1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!



sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!



sing ye heav'n's, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

5. 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!*

The Word of God is always sufficient to do the work of God. Therefore, each week we continue the practice of God's people listening to the public reading of scripture.

While it is right for us to confess our sins in light of God's holiness, our forgiveness is not merited through this act or the absolution of a priest. Rather, it is Christ who saves and speaks through His Word to assure us that our sin has been pardoned.

If you are visiting with us there is no expectation for you to contribute to this morning's offering. For those who are giving we remember that we are called to joyful worship of the God who continues to give us all that we need in Christ.

Renewal

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12.....

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....Colossians 2:13-14

LEADER: And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Hymn #275.....The Strife is O'er

Offering.....

Congregational Prayer.....

The Strife O'er, the Battle Done

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to - ry of life is
2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions hath dis -
3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped; he ris - es glo - rious from the
4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high por - tals
5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread sting thy ser - vants

won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
persed: let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
• dead: all glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
fell: let hymns of praise his tri - umphs tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
free, that we may live and sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Each week, we preach, verse by verse through books of the Bible so that we are instructed by the full counsel of God, rather than whatever the preacher deems most important.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper every week trusting that our Lord is truly, spiritually present nourishing His people. If you are a member of a local church, have been baptized, and believe that you are saved by grace through faith, then we welcome you to participate with us.

Proclamation

Hymn #254*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

Prayer for Illumination.....

SermonRev. Neil Quinn
"Brought Back by the Blood of the Eternal Covenant"
Hebrews 13:20-21

Response

Celebration of the Lord's Supper.....

Choir.....*Jesus Paid It All*

Hymn #731.....*Doxology*

Benediction.....

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

♩ G C/G G G/D D⁷ G 7 D

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die!

2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree!
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

G D⁷ Em G⁷ C G D ♯ G C G G/D D⁷ G 7

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I!
A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!

• when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

Sermon Outline

“Brought Back by the Blood of the Eternal Covenant”

Hebrews 13:20–21

Big Idea: Christ’s death and resurrection give you eternal peace with God because Christ died and rose again in fulfillment of God’s eternal covenant.

Introduction: Not Just Any Death and Resurrection

Resurrected by Death

A Covenantal Death

An Eternal Covenant

Conclusion: Eternal Peace with God

- 1. The resurrection is God's eternal pledge of peace.*
- 2. The One raised was raised to lead you to God, and he cannot fail.*

Sermon Notes

Doxology

Chords: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all

Chords: D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D, G, D, G, C, D, G

creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

Chords: G, D, G, Em, D, Am, G, D, G, C, G

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Elders and Deacons are currently in the process of being examined and elected. Lord willing, they will be installed in May.

Announcements

- There will be a congregational meeting on 4/24 to elect officers and vote to extend a call to Pastor Neil and Pastor Ryan.
- Our first women's retreat is scheduled for October 28-29 at Maranatha Bible Camp.
- Anyone interested in taking the new members class in May contact Ryan Potter.

Financials

- Total Giving through Feb (\$28,739)
- Total Expenses through Feb (\$37,752)
- Total Welcome Home Contributions (\$6,635)

Get Involved

- Join us after the service for our **Ask the Pastor** time where you can follow up on the sermon or ask other Bible and faith questions you may have.
- **Senior and Junior High** students are invited to attend our weekly sunday school class after service in the upstairs classrooms.
- **Young Adults** meet every Wednesday for fellowship and a sermon discussion.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets every other Thursday at 7:30pm.
- **Men's Bible Study** groups meet weekly in the morning and evening time slots.
- We have several **fellowship groups** that meet throughout the week in the greater Kalamazoo area.
- **The choir** meets for practice every Tuesday evening.

