

LIVING HOPE CHURCH



THE WORSHIP OF GOD EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

REFLECTION

“Let us cling firmly to the resurrection of Christ as one of the pillars of the gospel. It ought to produce in our minds a settled conviction of the truth of Christianity. Our faith does not depend merely on a set of texts and doctrines. It is founded on a mighty historical fact that the skeptic has never been able to overturn. It ought to assure us of the certainty of the resurrection of our own bodies after death. If our Master has risen from the grave, we need not doubt that his disciples shall rise again at the last day.” ~ J. C. Ryle

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

*CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 1:3-9

PASTOR: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

CONGREGATION: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

PASTOR: In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls .

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)

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**Those who are able, please stand.*

1. 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

2. Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where oh death is now thy sting alleluia
Dying once He all doth save alleluia
Where thy victory oh grave alleluia

*Chorus: He is not dead He is alive
We have this hope in Jesus Christ*

3. Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

Chorus

4. 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

Chorus (2x)

*CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

TESTIMONY OF GRACE

Jon Ford

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Christus Victor

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1. O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength our song our sure salvation

*Chorus 1: Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah Amen*

2. O Most High dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior
Who lived who died who rose victorious

*Chorus 2: Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won, Hallelujah*

*With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen*

3. O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever
Chorus 2

Bridge: Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen

Chorus 2
Sing the victory of the Lamb
Hallelujah Amen

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Christ Be Magnified

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*Children Kindergarten and under are dismissed for Worship Care during the offertory.

1. Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west
We'd hear Christ be magnified

2. Were the whole earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified

*Chorus: O Christ be magnified
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
O Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me*

3. When all creation finds its inmost melody
And ev'ry human heart its native cry
O in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified

Chorus

Bridge 1: I won't bow to idols
I'll stand strong and worship You
And if it puts me in the fire
I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too

I won't be formed by feelings
I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation
Then I'll be crucified with You

Bridge 2: 'Cause death is just the doorway
Into resurrection life
If I join You in Your sufferings
Then I'll join You when You rise

And when You return in glory
With all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing
My song will be the same
Chorus (2X)

*SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Reverend Mark A. Forbes

The Word And Witness Of The Resurrection

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Victory In Jesus (Christ Won The Victory)

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1. 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
Christ won the victory

*Chorus: Oh 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*

2. I heard about His healing
All His miracles revealing
That He alone can save a soul
And set the captive free
I'm happy in His promise
How soon He's coming for us
And home with Him I'll sing again
Christ won the victory

Chorus

3. I'll tell the old old story
Till my Savior comes from glory
I'll tell of all the Lord has done
To set this sinner free
That all who will believe Him
By faith can still receive Him
And share in that redemption song
Christ won the victory

Chorus (2x)

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Church's Doxology

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Now, blessed be Jehovah, God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel,
Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel

And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, so let it be;
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

SOLI DEO GLORIA

Sermon Outline:

Big Idea: If Christ has not been raised from the dead, the Gospel fails.

1. Word
2. Witness

Application and Conclusion: God's grace transforms you to believe and you proclaim so that others may believe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY, 4/23

- LHC Dawn Prayer via Zoom - Join us from 6:30 - 7:00 a.m. as Mark leads us in scripture and prayer time for one another and LHC. Contact Mark for the Zoom link.

FRIDAY, 4/25 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast (6:30 a.m.) at Byrum's

SUNDAY, 4/27 - Worship at 9:30 a.m.

READING PLAN FOR 4/20 - 4/27 : Ecclesiastes 7 - 12; Song Of Solomon 1-2 ; 2 Timothy 3 - 4; Titus 1 - 3; Philemon 1; Hebrews 1 - 2

MISSIONS WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

APRIL BIRTHDAYS - 4/18- Trey Cherry, Betsy Forbes; 4/20 Allie Cherry; 4/21 - John Mattox;
4/22 - Sylvia Wellons; 4/27- Kim Taylor

SAVE THE DATES

- 5/7 - Ladies Weekly Prayer Meetings begin (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.) at Kim Taylor's
- 5/8 - Ladies Morning Bible Study Lunch (11:30 - 1:00) at Christy Orr's
- 5/18 - Graduation Sunday for our high school seniors - Covered Dish Lunch after Worship
- 5/19 - Ladies Fellowship Dinner at Christ Church at River's Edge (6:30 p.m.)

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