

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

April 16, 2017

EASTER

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship: *An Easter Celebration* Craig Courtney

Jacob Laster and Ashlyn Ray, trumpets  
Chris Garza and Brandt McKinzey, euphoniums

\*Hymn: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* #232  
(Congregation rise and sing as directed)

\*Prayer of Adoration

Leader: Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

People: Glory to you, O Christ: for you and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Leader: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

People: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Call to Confession

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 the 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.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy* #551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri #581  
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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology #606  
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.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning; Grant us so to hear them, read, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 67 #341  
*O God, Show Mercy to Us*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Anthem: *He Is Not Here!* Russell Nagy

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where a volunteer will lead them in a time of special activities.)

\*Hymn: *He Lives* side panel

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: *Afraid*

Prayers of the People

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.

\*Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith (lines 7-26)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

\*Hymn: *Thine Is the Glory* #238

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response: *Alleluia!* Courtney

Closing Voluntary *Organ Concerto: III. Allegro* Meck-Walther

\*Please stand if you are able

**He Lives**  
ALFRED H. ACKLEY, 1887-1960

1. I serve a ris-en Sav-ior, He's in the world to-day; I know that He is  
2. In all the world a-round me I see His lov-ing care, And tho my heart grows  
3. Re-joyce, re-joyce, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing E-ter-nal hal-le-  
liv-ing, what-ev-er men may say; I see His hand of mer-cy, I  
wea-ry I nev-er will de-spair; I know that He is lead-ing thru  
lu-jahs to Je-sus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek Him, the  
hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's al-ways near.  
all the storm-y blast, The day of His ap-pear-ing will come at last.  
help of all who find, None oth-er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

CHORUS  
He lives, He lives, Christ Je-sus lives to-day! He walks with me and  
He lives, He lives,  
talks with me a-long life's nar-row way. He lives, He lives, sal-  
va-tion to im-part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with-in my heart.

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

Nacogdoches, Texas



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*When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"*

*<sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.*

*<sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"*

*<sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.*  
Mark 16:1-8

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers: James Allums Rick Bock  
Sharon Templeman Charlotte Bock

Shepherd: Margaret Sultenfuss

Liturgist: Claire Bray

Reader: Ron Anderson

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday, April 17

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

#### Tuesday, April 18

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

#### Wednesday, April 19

1:00 pm Dragonflies Small Group  
2:00 – 7:00 Picture Make-up Day  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

#### Friday, April 21

12:00 noon May Newsletter Deadline

#### Sunday, April 23

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Children's Choir Practice  
5:30 pm Youth  
6:00 pm Session Meeting

### TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Chris and Terry Kline in honor of Betty Kline and in loving memory of Robert Kline, Richard Kline, Gordon Kline and Ralph Payne.

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### THE SESSION

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