

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

*This is the day that the LORD has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)**

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### **Moments of Meditation**

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

John 12:32

*Lift High the Cross*

arr. Joel Raney

### **Responsive Call to Worship**

based on Revelation 15

Pastor: Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty!

People: **Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations.**

Pastor: Who will not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

People: **You alone are holy. All the earth will come and worship before  
You, for Your righteous deeds have been revealed for all to see.**

Pastor: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul; I can say "It is well."

Chorus:

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won! He is risen from the dead!  
And I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings before my God fall on my knees.  
And rise; I will rise!

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light;  
And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes. (Chorus)

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb."  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb." (Chorus)

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

No. 277

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today." Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His 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!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee by both be given; Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

#### **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 2

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our heart be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav’ns be joyful, let earth her song begin;  
let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;  
invisible and visible, their notes let all things blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

### **New City Catechism Question # 33**

**Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?**

No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

#### **Tithes and Offering**

*How Beautiful*

arr. McDonald & Shackley

How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hills to the cross.  
How beautiful; how beautiful; how beautiful is the body of Christ.  
How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

\*Chorus of Preparation

*Resurrection Hymn*



1. See, — what a morn-ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the dawn-ing of hope in Je -  
2. See, — Ma - ry weep-ing "Where is He laid?" As in sor - row she turns from the  
3. One — with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the Spir - it who clothes faith with



ru - sa - lem; Fold - ed the grave clothes, tomb — filled with light, as the  
emp - ty tomb; Hears — a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; It's the  
cer - tain - ty. hon - our and bless - ing glo - ry and praise to the



an - gels an-nounce Christ is ris - en! — See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in  
Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life — a - gain! — The voice that spans the years, speak - ing  
King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty! — And we are raised with Him, death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sa - cri - fice, — ful - filled in  
life, stir - ring hope — bring - ing peace — to us, — will sound till  
dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered: — And we shall



Christ, the — Man, for He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
He ap - pears, for He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
reign with — Him, for He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!

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**\*Hymn of Response**

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

No. 283

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:  
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled.  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance at His second coming yield:  
then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave,  
ripened by His glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Gloria Patri**

No. 735

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.

**\*Postlude**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

arr. Bock

**\* Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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**Soloist**  
**Piano**  
**Organ**  
**Scripture, New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer**

Jim Martin  
Sandy DeGroot  
Sandy Schoon  
Bruce Hrivnak, Elder

## **Weekly Calendar**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
<b>SUN 4/21</b>	6:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Service Ogden Gardens (775 Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
<b>MON 4/22</b>	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
<b>WED 4/24</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Congregational Meeting
<b>THURS 4/25</b>	11:30 AM	Brunch at Viking Chili Bowl
	6:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
<b>SAT 4/27</b>	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
<b>SUN 4/28</b>	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Stoltzfus Care Group

## Serving the Lord

	<i>4/21</i>	<i>4/28</i>	<i>5/5</i>
S.S. Nursery	-----	J. Marshall	B. Schoon
AM Nursery	D. O'Neal, G. Lash	S. DeGroot, Grayden L.	Y. Lindborg, Krystal T.
Greeters	O'Neal	Lanenga	Hale/Grass
Bring Treats	No Treats	Lash	O'Neal
Server & Clean-Up	No Treats	Lash	O'Neal
Audio	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Hrivnak	Lindborg	Schoon

## Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** This morning we welcome Rev. Alan Strange. He is a Professor of Church History at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer, IN. He is the pastor who led the Marriage Seminar at our church last month. We are grateful for his ministry and to have him with us this Easter Sunday morning. Our guest pastor for next week is Rev. Ken Anema from Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary.

☞ **Easter Lilies:** If you would like to take an Easter lily home with you today, please feel free to get one after the service. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

☞ **Brunch Fellowship:** Meet for brunch on Thursday, April 25, at 11:30 am at the Viking Chili Bowl (105 E Morthland Drive, Valparaiso). Everyone welcome!



☞ **Congregational Meeting:** Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm. At the meeting we will be receiving reports from our ministries and we will be electing officers. Bruce Hrivnak has completed serving two three-year terms and is not eligible to stand for re-election. However, Bruce has been asked to continue to serve through the installation of our new pastor, according to a provision that allows this in our by-laws. Nelson Schoon will be standing for a second three-year term. Jerry DeGroot will be rotating off the Deacon Board after his second three-year term. Jason Lash and Jim Martin have completed serving one three-year term and have been nominated for a second term. Booklets containing ministry updates are available on the table in the narthex. All communicant members (adults and children under the age of 18) count toward the quorum at this meeting so please make this a priority as this is one of the privileges and responsibilities of being a member.

☞ **Ministry Sign-up Form:** A Ministry Sign-Up Form is available on our church's website. Under the "Worship" tab, there is a section titled "Volunteers" and you can complete the form, and it will automatically be sent to the church's email. There will also be paper copies available on the table in the foyer for those who do not wish to sign up via the website. It is our desire that each member who is able will serve on a committee. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to serve God and the congregation in the coming year and fill out the form. This form provides an opportunity to volunteer to be on worship and service rotations that help to provide greeting, treats, and child care each week and other services as needed.

☞ **Volunteers Needed for VBS:** We are partnering this summer with Valparaiso Mennonite Church for "The Incredible Human Race" Vacation Bible School from June 4-7 (Tuesday-Friday) from 6:00-8:30 pm at their church on Silhavy. Kids from pre-school through 8th grade are invited to attend this free event. We are looking for people (high schoolers-adults) to assist with any of the following activities: games, arts and crafts, snacks, teaching, check-in, and skit performances. You don't have to volunteer for the entire duration. If you can even volunteer one evening, that would be a great blessing. Please contact Melissa Stoltzfus at (219) 309-5092 if you are willing to volunteer. We will have a meeting with the volunteers from Valpo Mennonite in early May. Please consider volunteering your time for this fun event!