



9:30 am Worship Service

March 31, 2024

Easter

Reformed Presbyterian Church exists to be a stream of God's refreshing grace for people from all walks of life.

Today's speaker: Dr. Tim Witmer, Interim Pastor

Worship Leader: Anthony Martin, Ruling Elder

PRELUDE *That Eastertide With Joy Was Bright/* arr. R. Wilson
O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing/ 15th cen. carol, arr. K. Ford
The Strife is Over, The Battle Done (Hymn 275)/ Palestrina
The Hallelujah Chorus/ G. F. Handel

CHORAL ANTHEM *Fanfare/* L. Gillis
Rejoice, for He is risen! Alleluia! Rejoice, for He is risen! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed!**

HYMN 277 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

I Corin. 15:3-6; Rom. 4:25; Phil. 2:9-11 (ESV)

Leader: For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

People: He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Leader: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

People: That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

HYMN/ CHORAL ANTHEM

Crown Him the Lord of Life!// arr. L. Larson Congregation join choir when indicated (see back of bulletin)

*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

**People: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who
was conceived by the Holy**

Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right

hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he

will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the

body, and the life everlasting. Amen

CHORAL ANTHEM (with Children's Choir) Christ is Risen/ arr. H. Sorenson

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death,
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave.
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again,
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave.
O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church come stand in the light;
The glory of God has defeated the night!
Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death,
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave.
He is risen, come awake, come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave. O death where is your sting?
O grave, where is your victory?
O church come stand in the light; our God is not dead! He's alive!
Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Sons of men and angels say,
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave.
Made like Him, like Him we rise! Alleluia! Ours the cross,
the grave the skies! Come awake, come awake and sing!
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again,
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave.
O death where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?
O church come stand in the light; our God is not dead!
He's alive, Christ is alive! He's alive!*

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 28:1-7 (NIV)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.'"

WORSHIP SONGS

*See, What a Morning
Christ is Risen, He's Risen Indeed*

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Kim Gormley

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Come, Christians, Join to Sing / arr. R. A. Nichols
Come, Christians, join to sing alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ
our King; alleluia! Amen! Let all with heart and voice before the
throne rejoice; praise is His gracious choice; alleluia! Amen!
Come, lift your hearts on high; alleluia! Let praises fill the sky;
alleluia! Amen! He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; alleluia! Amen!
Come Christians, join to sing! Praise yet our Christ again; alleluia!
Amen! Life shall not end the strain; alleluia! Amen! On heaven's
blissful shore His goodness we'll adore, we will sing forevermore,
"alleluia! Amen!" alleluia!

WORSHIP SONGS

Glorious Day

Leader: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet."

I Corinthians 15:20-27a (NIV)

Living Hope

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16 (ESV)

Leader: Preserve me, O God,

People: for in you I take refuge.

Leader: ² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

People: ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

Leader: ⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

People: their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

Leader: ⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People: ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

Leader: ⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

People: ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Leader: ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

People: ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

Leader: ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;

People: in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

EASTER MESSAGE

God Raised Him Up
Dr. Tim Witmer

HYMN 274

Thine Be the Glory

WORDS OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

The Day of Resurrection/ B. Tours

Song Lyrics

277 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

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!

See, What a Morning (Resurrection Hymn)

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"

See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!

The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!

And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

How can it be the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death
Sing, sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands their Friend and King
Christ, Christ He is risen

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed (He is risen)

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen
Yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained, Life, life everlasting

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness

He's alive, He's alive,
Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive, He's alive,
Now in heaven glorified

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Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

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
O glorious day (glorious day)

One day they led Him up Calv'ry'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 hand that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

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

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

O glorious day glorious day
O glorious day

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Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

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274 *Thine Be the Glory*

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
thro' Thy deathless love;
bring us safe thro' Jordan to Thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

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