



**Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
**9:30 am Worship Service**  
**April 4, 2021**  
**Easter**

We are so glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

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

**Today's Speaker:** Rev. Kevin Sheahan, Associate Pastor;  
Worship leader: Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas, Sr. Pastor  
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

**PRELUDES**

A TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* (Hymn 265)/ arr. A. Fedak  
*This Joyful Eastertide* (Hymn 284)/ arr. D. Wood  
*The Strife is O'er* (Hymn 275)/ arr. D. Eliot  
*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!* (Hymn 272)/ arr. B. Price  
*Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound!* arr. D. Johnson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord is Risen

**People: He is Risen Indeed!**

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.

**People: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.**

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**People: He is Risen Indeed!**

\* **HYMN: 267** *The Day of Resurrection!*

\***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**

**WORSHIP SONGS**

*Resurrection Hymn  
Glorious Day*

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! 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. 1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)

*Living Hope*

## **WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

WELCOME TO VISITORS

## **VIRTUAL CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*/ J. S. Bach/ arr. M. Larkin

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

## **EASTER MESSAGE**

*With Fear and Great Joy*

Rev. Kevin Sheahan

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

*O Praise the Name*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (ESV)

<sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup> “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**VIRTUAL CHORAL ANTHEM/ HYMN**

*Resurrection Alleluias!*/ T. Fettke

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today/ Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

*Congregation joins choir:*

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once up on the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

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!

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!

**WORDS OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

*The Risen Christ/ J. Carrier*



## SONG LYRICS

### 267 The Day of Resurrection!

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 hearts 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 heavens be joyful,  
Let earth the 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.

## **See What a Morning**

See, what a morning, glorious and 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!

## **Glorious Day**

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  
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. Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He  
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me

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. Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

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 He's ascended, my Lord evermore.  
Death could not hold Him,  
the grave could not keep Him From rising again

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. Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

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

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. Oh glorious day, oh glorious day  
Glorious day, Oh, Glorious day

## 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!

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Jesus Christ, my living hope Jesus Christ, my living hope  
Oh God, You are my living hope



## **O Praise the Name (Anastasis)**

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet My  
Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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