

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.

Matthew 28:5-6

The purpose of our Community is:

❧❧❧ *“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”* ❧❧❧

## **Prelude**

Shirlene Everhart

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **As We Gather**

*The Easter sunrise worship service has always been one of the most memorable celebrations of the faith! As the day is now beginning, we realize that Christ physically came through a closed tomb and rose from the dead early on that first Easter Sunday! So also today, our Risen Savior fills our hearts with Easter joy!*

## **An Easter Welcome**

CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED!  
ALLELUIA!

## **Invocation**

*Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.*

*(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**(Everyone) Amen.**

## **Easter Call to Worship**

*Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

**People: Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!**

*Pastor: We begin our worship in the victorious name of our living Christ!*

**People: Jesus lives and reigns to all eternity.**

*Pastor: May we go forth from this joyful day as grateful people, rejoicing that Jesus lives!*

**People: We celebrate this Easter Festival in the name of our Risen Savior and Lord.**

*Pastor: Heavenly Father, bless this Easter service with Your gladness!*

**People: Grant that we may share the true joy of Easter in our lives with others!**

### **Opening Dialog**

*Pastor: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!*

**People: He is risen indeed!**

*Pastor: Christ has vanquished death and the grave.*

**People: Our Savior lives!**

*Pastor: On this day of celebration,*

**People: Easter joy fills our hearts!**

*Pastor: Let us now begin our worship service*

**All: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Pastor: All glory, laud, and honor belong to You, O Lord!*

**People: We shall worship, praise, and adore You, O risen Christ!**

### **Confession of Sins and Absolution**

*Pastor: On this joyous Easter Festival, it is appropriate that we come together in confession of our sins, and in the certainty that the blood of Christ has spiritually cleansed us in faith. Let us now individually confess our sins.*

**All: Dear Heavenly Father, I confess that I sin daily and often. I also realize that I cannot save myself from the punishment for my sins. I know that only Christ offers to me a way out of my hopeless sinful condition. My spiritual rescue was accomplished for me by Christ on the cross, who died on Good Friday and rose again on Easter Sunday. Thus, I plead the merits of Jesus, who has saved me from sin through His death. May my Easter faith be placed only in His blood, shed for me. Please forgive me, for the sake of Your Risen Son and my Lord.**

*Pastor: On this Easter Sunday, we know that Christ lives as our Intercessor and Redeemer! God the Father is willing to forgive us for the sake of His Son's merits at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, acting under the authority of our Risen Savior, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, #104*

### **Children's Sermonette:**

*'The only thing common to all the glasses'  
Pastor McDonald*

## **Worship Through Our Giving**

*We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.*

## **Offertory**

## **We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God**

*We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.*

## **Old Testament Lesson**

*Job 19:23-27 [NKJV]*

<sup>23</sup> “Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup> That they were engraved on a rock With an iron pen and lead, forever! <sup>25</sup> For I know *that* my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; <sup>26</sup> And after my skin is destroyed, this *I know*, That in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. *How* my heart yearns within me!

## **Epistle Lesson**

*I Corinthians 15:1-11, 20-26 [NKJV]*

<sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed. ~~~ <sup>20</sup> But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ’s at His comng. <sup>24</sup> Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.

## **Choir Anthem**

*He Is Not Here*

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

## **Easter Holy Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 28:1-20 [NKJV]*

<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came 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 from the door, and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*. <sup>5</sup> But the angel answered and 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 is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <sup>7</sup> And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. <sup>9</sup> And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." <sup>11</sup> Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. <sup>12</sup> When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup> saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' <sup>14</sup> And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." <sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. <sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

## **We Respond to God's Word by Confessing Our Faith**

*As we recite together the words of the Apostles' Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith through this simple declaration.*

**(Everyone) 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 Spirit, 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 is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## **Communion Hymn**

*He Is Arisen! Glorious Word, #107*

### **We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper**

*Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.*

*Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.*

*Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)*

**(Everyone) 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen!**

*Distribution*

### **An Easter Closing**

*Pastor: May the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit grant You an Easter Benediction.*

**People: Yes, He is Risen; He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Benediction**

### **Sending Hymn**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, #171*

*[Pastor]: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.*

**[Everyone]: Thanks be to God**

### **Postlude Music**

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### **Things going on during the week:**

*Please pick up Food Bags today to use or to distribute to others.*

**Monday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian School  
Theme: Farm; Bible: Jesus Dies & Arises**

**Wednesdays: Beginning April 27  
5 pm Choir; 6 pm - Potluck; 7 pm - Bible Study**

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## Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

**Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705**

**Preschool Schedule: Tuesday – Friday ... 7:15 am to 5:00 pm**

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director



### *Things going on during the week:*

#### ***Birdhouse = Building Fund Donations***

Please place all and any donations for the Building Fund in the Birdhouse. This fund is needed to replace 'The Shack' and build for the future of this church. Being more visible to Mission Avenue we hope to attract Christians looking for a new home and non-Christians looking for what is missing in their life.

#### ***Mark Your Calendars!***

***May 1, Sunday - Love Offering ... for Missions***

Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in the 'Missions Giving Box' on your way out of the Sanctuary for our Missionaries. This offering is above and beyond our regular giving. In planning ahead, we will repeat the Love Offerings in 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

***May 7, Saturday - Women's Bible Study - 10 am***

***May 21, Saturday - Free Food Distribution--***At the Shack from 9 to 10 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Also, if you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. *Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!* The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.



#### **Prayer Chain Requests**

Please mark the Connection Card very clearly ... your request is for Pastor only or you want the prayer chain to pray for your request.

#### ***Children's Activity Items***

These are available for younger children during the service. They are in the cabinets at the back of the church to the left of the Prayer Room.





# 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!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
what comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my everliving Head.

He lives to bless me with His love,  
He lives to plead for me above,  
He lives my hungry soul to feed,  
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply,  
He lives to guide me with His eye,  
He lives to comfort me when faint,  
He live to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears,  
He lives to wipe away my tears,  
He lives to calm my troubled heart,  
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus still the same:  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

# He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open.  
My Jesus died triumphantly,  
And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's direst weapon.  
Oh hear What cheer!  
Christ victorious  
Riseth glorious,  
Life He giveth  
He was dead, but see, He liveth!

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee;  
Decked thee with health, and with faithfulness guided and stayed  
thee; How oft in grief Hath He not brought thee relief,  
Spreading His wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and hath breath, come now with praises before  
Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.