**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**
**Easter/ Resurrection of the Lord**
April 16, 2017
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . .*
*"Be still and know that I am God."*

## We Come Before God in Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Dobrinski
Adult Handbells

* Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!
**People: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,**
**radiant in the brightness of your King!**
**Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!**
**Darkness vanishes forever!**
Leader: Rejoice, O church! Exult in glory!
The risen Savior shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!
**People: Rejoice, heavenly powers!**
**Sing, choirs of angels!**
**Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

* Processional Hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" No. 232

* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,**
**you have raised Jesus from the grave**
**and have crowned him Lord of all.**
**We confess that we have not bowed before him**
**or acknowledged his rule in our lives.**
**We have gone along with the way of the world**
**and failed to give him glory.**
**Forgive us and raise us from sin,**
**that we may be your faithful people,**
**obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,**
**who rules the world and is head of the church,**
**his body. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri No. 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.**

## God Gives to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9

Anthem "This Is the Day" arr. Hayes
Adult Choir (11:00 a.m.)

Prayer with Children
*(Three-Year-Olds to Five-Year-Olds may leave for Children's Church)*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 27:62-28:15

Sermon The Gospel According to Matthew Dr. Seel
LIX. The End Is Life

## We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "The Day of Resurrection" No. 233

* Affirmation of Faith *(A Declaration of Faith, PCUS 1977)*

**Jesus is our living Lord.**
**Jesus was dead and buried,**
**but God raised him from the dead.**
**The risen Lord appeared to his followers.**
**They recognized him as their Master**
**who had been crucified.**
**Before Jesus left them,**
**he commissioned them to proclaim to all people**
**the good news of his victory over death,**
**and promised to be with them always.**

**We are certain that Jesus lives.**
**He lives as God with us,**
**touching all of human life with the presence of God.**
**Because he shares our humanity**
**and has bound us to himself in love,**
**we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.**

**We declare that Jesus is Lord.**
**His resurrection is a decisive victory**
**over the powers that deform and destroy human life.**
**His lordship is hidden.**
**The world appears to be dominated by people and systems**
**that do not acknowledge his rule.**
**But his lordship is real.**

*Continued . . .*

**It demands our loyalty and sets us free**
**from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.**
**We maintain that ultimate sovereignty**
**now belongs to Jesus**
**in every sphere of life.**
**Jesus is Lord!**
**He has been Lord from the beginning.**
**He will be Lord at the end.**
**Even now he is Lord.**

Call to Prayer "Alleluia" arr. Thompson
Adult Choir (11:00 a.m.)

Prayers of the People and the 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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Dengler
Adult Choir with Soloist: Cheryl Ledford (11:00 a.m.)

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication No. 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.**

* Hymn "Thine Is the Glory" No. 238

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"
Adult Choir (11:00 a.m.)

*In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.*
*Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.*
*May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus.*
*By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.*
(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir)

* Postlude "Jubilation" Handel

* *Congregation Stands*

**Please write your request, tear off this form, fold, and place in the offering plate.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**
The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group meets each week at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the EPC family and any other special needs.

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**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The sign up list to place flowers in the Sanctuary during the year is on the wall outside of the Church Office. This is a great way to honor or remember someone on a special date.

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**Fill out the form below, tear off and put in the offering plate.**

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY MENU**

April 19, 2017 5:30 p.m.

Chicken Tenders, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Dessert

Monty Oxendine, Will Young and Meg Jewell are helping serve.

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Family Name

# for meals _____

**Reservation deadline: Noon on Mondays!!! Call Cynde at 859-4220 or sign up on the website.**

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**BBQ & Tigeroar**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2017**

**5:30 p.m.**

BBQ, Baked Beans, & Slaw

Steve Lewis, Chris Stover and Chuck Dawkins are helping serve.

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Family Name

# for meals _____

**Reservation deadline: Friday, April 21**

**NURSERY STAFF**

Georgia McGovern—Infants and Sherry Erickson—Toddlers

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS TODAY**

| 9:00 a.m. Worship | 11:00 a.m. Worship |
|---|---|
| Kallie Bennett | Tony Brock |

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**(3-Year-Olds—K5)**

| 9:00 a.m. Worship | 11:00 a.m. Worship |
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| Ginna Lister | Kellie King |

**SAFE PLACE MONITOR**

Mitch Greene

**TODAY'S GREETERS**

| 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
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| David Weaver | Phyllis Sams |
| Richard Mintz | Wilma Shealy |

**APRIL USHERS**

| 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
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| Meg Jewell, Head | Chuck Riehm, Head |
| Mel Thompson, Asst. | Eric Anthony, Asst. |
| Dial DuBose | Kathy Riehm |
| | Jack Drawdy |
| | Jon Foster |
| | Brian Garrison |

**SOUND & LIGHT**

| 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
|---|---|
| Marty Kwasniewski | Robert Sams |

**MEMBER NEWS**

We express Christian love and sympathy to Joe Wilson in the death of his mother, Dianne Wilson, who died on April 8.

The known hospitalization this week was Betty McInnis.

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|---|---|---|
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| Richard Mintz | Eddie Crittendon | Chuck Dawkins |
| Ruth Rice | Mario DiPietro | Terri French |
| Alfred Robinson | Kelvin Kearse | Dottie Grantham |
| Billy Waddell | Monty Oxendine | Phil Lyles |
| David Weaver | Scott Wilbanks | Chris Robinson |

Elder Emeritus: Bill Robinson

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|---|---|---|
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| Clare Nunnery | Jennifer Graham | Meredith Greene |
| Rex Rice | Meg Jewell | Marty Kwasniewski |
| Chuck Riehm | Steve Lewis | Heidi Roach |
| Robert Sams | Wilma Shealy | Elizabeth Weaver |
| Carey York | Chris Stover | Will Young |

**Trustees**

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|---|---|---|
| Dexter Rogers | Roddey Gettys | Jack Brock |

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## *April 16, 2017*

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