

**EASTER SUNDAY** | *Easter celebrates history's most important event: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christian faith hinges on this reality. It is the moment when Jesus stands in victory over the power of sin and puts death to death, robbing it of its final word. When Christ rises from the tomb, it is more than a sensational demonstration of his singular power; it is the inauguration of a new reality for all who are raised with him — an eternal life of blessed peace with God. This is why Easter Sunday — indeed, Resurrection Sunday! — is our most joyous, hopeful occasion.*

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## preparing our hearts

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[.]

— 1 Peter 1:3 ESV

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## choral anthem

*Because He Lives* — William and Gloria Gaither, arranged by Joseph Martin

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## \*\* call to worship

*Leader:* Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

*All:* **Yours, O LORD is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.**

*Leader:* And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

*All:* **[For] you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places[.]**

*Leader:* What shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

*All:* **And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.”**

— From 1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Ephesians 1:3b; Romans 8:31; Revelation 5:13 ESV

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

“Christ the Lord is risen today,” Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia! Sing ye heavens, 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! Following 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!

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## **\*\* prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* Almighty God, who opened to us the gate of everlasting life through your only Son Jesus Christ, grant today that all here this morning might celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, and may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit. In worship and praise for your great mercy and grace and lovingkindness, we lift up our hearts to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

— Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*

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## **\*\* affirmation of faith**

*Leader:* For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.

**All: But the righteousness based on faith says, “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);**

*Leader:* Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**All: For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

*Leader:* For the scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

**All: For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

— From Romans 10:5-13 ESV

## WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace'  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way. \*

*\* Chorus:*

You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own;  
Here in our weakness you find us, falling before your throne.  
Oh, we're falling before your throne. \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Who can say, “I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin”? If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar and his word is not in us.

— Proverbs 20:9 & 1 John 1:8,10 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
You shattered the power of sin and death.  
Even so, we have forgotten that great freedom,  
And have instead submitted again to the yoke of slavery,  
Falling into the snare of sin,  
Trying to climb out by our own futile effort.  
O God, who for our redemption  
Submitted your precious Son unto death on the cross, forgive us.  
By his glorious resurrection, you delivered us from the power of sin:  
Grant us so to die daily to ourselves, that we may evermore live with him  
In the joy and freedom of his resurrection.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* This is how God demonstrated his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we, who were his enemies, might live through him.

**All:** **This is love: Not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins, reconciling us by his death on the cross.  
Thanks be to God!**

— Based on 1 John 4:9-10 & Romans 5:8-10 NIV

## THY MERCY, MY GOD

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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*Leader:* Mathew 28:1-10  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

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prayer

*An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.*

*Leader:* All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,  
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

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**\*\* passing the peace**

*Leader:* Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

**While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.**

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

*An elder will lead the passing of the peace. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.*

Preaching and serving Communion today is Rick Box. Rick has graciously served CPC often these last several months. He was born and raised in Texas and served MTW as a church planning missionary in Columbia and elsewhere. Rick retired in 2020 and now lives in Austin. If you have an opportunity, please greet Rick and Na-Shuang and express our heartfelt thanks for his service to CPC.

**Sermon** | “He is Risen!”

**April 20, 2025**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**<sup>ESV</sup> | 12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!



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## **\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* “We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.” Therefore, Saints of the Lord, in view of what we have heard from His Word, how ought we conduct ourselves?

**All:** **So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Do not present your members to sin, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.**

— From Romans 6:9-13 ESV

## WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians — a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.*

*If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays.*

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

— From 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**All:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

**All:** O Lord and heavenly Father, when we celebrate and observe this memorial your Son has commended to us, we consider his sacrificial suffering and death, his mighty resurrection, and ascension; and we await his return in power and with glory. God of Mercy, through your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify these symbols of broken bread and a poured out cup. Grant that all who participate in this table may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Holy Name. Amen.

*Minister:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Minister:* Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

**All:** When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again.

*Minister:* Take these symbols of Christ’s sacrifice in remembrance and proclamation that he died for you, and partake of them in faith and thankfulness.

*As the elements are distributed and the instrumentals are played, please use the opportunity to contemplate Christ's giving himself for you and consider how you might respond to the lovingkindness expressed by the King of Kings through his selfless sacrifice.*

## \*\* offering & song of thanksgiving

*The offering is a vital part of our response to God's grace provided for us in the preaching of his word and administration of the Lord's Supper. Our tithes and offerings represent the entirety of our lives being consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming of his kingdom to this world. As God's grace is freely given to us, so we give freely in return; not in any way to add to Christ's supremely adequate atonement for us, but in joyful response to this work and in thanksgiving for such unmerited grace.*

### UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

Capo 1: (A) (D/A) (A) (E) (E<sup>7</sup>) (D/A) (A)

1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior,  
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;  
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;

(D) (A) (F<sup>#</sup>m) (E/B) (B<sup>7</sup>) (E)

wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord.  
 vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.  
 he tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord.

might - y tri-umph o'er His foes; He a - rose a vic - tor from the  
 dark do - main, and He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -  
 rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose.  
 He a - rose! He a - rose!

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announcements

\*\* benediction

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of musical notation for 'Gloria Patri'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and A4, then a half note G4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note F4, followed by quarter notes E4, D4, and C4, then a half note B3. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note B3, followed by quarter notes A3, G3, and F3, then a half note E3. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note D3, followed by quarter notes C3, B2, and A2, then a half note G2. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, ending with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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**for first-time visitors**

Whether you are visiting us from out of town or looking for a church to call home, we're so glad to have you with us. Please fill out the welcome pad when it comes to you.

**get involved**

Meaningful involvement is the best way to build relationships and connect to a church. If you want to go deeper and find out more, **please contact our church office** ([office@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:office@cpcgeorgetown.org)).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday school classes will resume next **Sunday, April 27, 915a**. The last day of classes for the spring semester will be May 18.

During the last four weeks of the semester, adult Sunday school classes will include:

*Biblical Financial Concepts* – The conclusion of the class led by Gary and Jan Britigan.

*Lessons from Jonah* – A new class designed to outline and discuss larger lessons from the book of Jonah. Led by Lane Joffrion.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 1**

Mark your calendar **Thursday, May 1, 630-730p** to join in on the 34th annual National Day of Prayer in Georgetown on the Williamson County Courthouse lawn (710 S Main Street, Georgetown). Bring a blanket or chair if you wish. There is also a morning event open to all at The Worship Place (375 Country Road 245, Georgetown), 10a. \*Rainout location – 111 W 10th Street, Georgetown.

**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING | MAY 4**

We are gearing up for "Summer Seaquest" and need your help! If you're interested in helping with Vacation Bible School in any capacity, please join us **May 4, 1230p** in the youth room. Pizza and drinks will be provided. There are plenty of ways to get involved – whether you're interested in setup and cleanup, leading groups and games, decorating, or much more. We look forward to seeing you there!