

**MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**The Lord's Day – Resurrection Sunday**  
**April 17, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch**  
**The Lord is risen!**  
**The Lord is risen indeed!**

**Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
*Arranged by Dino Kartsonakis*

**Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3-5**

**The Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise 277 (vss. 1-4)**

*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!

**Confession of Sin:**

**Need of Confession: Colossians 3:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

**Personal Confession of Sin**

**Corporate Confession of Sin:**

**Unison: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and 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: Colossians 3:3-4**

<sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Song of Praise**

*Is He Worthy?*

Do you feel the world is broken?

*We do.*

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

*We do.*

But do you know that all the dark  
Won't stop the light from getting through?

*We do.*

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

*We do.*

Is all creation groaning?

*It is.*

Is a new creation coming?

*It is.*

Is the glory of the Lord  
To be the light within our midst?

*It is.*

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

*It is.*

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root  
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is he worthy of this?

*He is.*

Does the Father truly love us?

*He does.*

Does the Spirit move among us?

*He does.*

And does Jesus, our Messiah,

Hold forever those he loves?

*He does.*

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

*He does.*

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God

To reign with the Son.

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy of this?

*He is.*

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy?

*He is.*

*He is.*

## **The Lord's Prayer / Pastoral Prayer**

## **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

## **Offertory: Chancel Choir**

*In Christ Alone*

*Arranged by Larry Shackley*

## **Doxology**

***Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (ESV)***

***Sermon Title: The Swallowing of Death***

*<sup>50</sup> I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <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.*

<sup>58</sup> *Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

Theologian N.T. Wright says, “The resurrection is, indeed, the foundation for a renewed way of life in and for the world.”

But do we really understand the significance of the resurrection? Is it the foundation of your hope, and of your life, in and for the world? This morning, we will be looking at a seminal text on the resurrection from Paul’s first letter to the church at Corinth. As we explore 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, we will ask three questions of the text that Paul answers.

- I. Why Do We Need the Resurrection?
- II. What Is the Result of the Resurrection?
- III. How Does the Resurrection Change Us?

As Paul has said already in this chapter, “*If there is no resurrection then there is no Christianity. No forgiveness, no life, no hope.*” But, the resurrection is true, and therefore, as we have been saying, death does not have the final word, resurrection does. May that be your hope this Easter and always.

### **Reflection**

*“Jesus died for us to destroy the ultimacy of death over us. He was resurrected from the grave so that a new life could be birthed in us. He now lives in us and unites us to God.” (Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace*)*

### **Hymn 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 graveclothes where thy body lay.

#### *Chorus*

Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, 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. (*Chorus*)

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. (*Chorus*)

**Choral Benediction**

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
*By George Frederic Handel*

**The Benediction**

**Postlude**

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