

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
EASTER SUNDAY
March 23, 2008

*"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said."
- Matthew 28:6*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: Dear friends, I bring you the best of news. Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY Prelude in C Major - J. S. Bach

* **INVOCATION** Zoë McLaren

* **HYMN 302 (vv.1-4)** Christ the Lord is risen today *EASTER HYMN*
The receiving of Prayer Concern cards

* **THE PSALM** from Psalm 118
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

People: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteousness shall enter through it.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* **GLORIA**
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

EPISTLE READING Colossians 3:1-4 Zoë McLaren

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Te Deum - B. Britten

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee. The godly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee. The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father of an infinite Majesty; Thine honourable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy Name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Sam Kidd, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Lord's Prayer – "debts"*) Paul Simpson Duke

SPECIAL MUSIC I know that my Redeemer liveth - G. F. Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Bonnie Kidd, soprano

* **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 28:1-10 Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

(Children older than kindergarten should return to worship with their families.
Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten upstairs.)

* **HYMN 322** Up from the grave he arose *CHRIST AROSE*

SERMON

New World

Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

This Joyful Eastertide

- *A. Somervell*

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain:

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain.*

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. *Refrain.*

* DOXOLOGY

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 318 (vv.1, 2 ,5)

Christ is alive!

TRURO

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus

(See handout)

VOLUNTARY

Toccata from Symphony V

- *C. M. Widor*

* *If you are able, please stand.*

The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle during the first hymn. We pray for Stacey Simpson Duke and her family in the sudden death of her 23 year-old cousin, Blake Freeman, and we also pray for Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Dot Reed, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Justin Kerns, Marian Carter, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Susan Edwards, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, June Ludwig and Frances Hinderer.

Congregational Vote: Youth Minister

A congregational meeting will be held after worship next Sunday, March 30 to act on the proposal to seek a half-time youth minister, with a funding commitment for compensation (salary and benefits) for three years. Funding will be provided by the congregation as a whole. The rationale developed by the Board of Christian Education and job description for this position are available at the Information Counter. The article on the front page of this weeks newsletter also addressees this proposal.

Congregational Conversation About Our Church's Name

We will gather for conversation and supper on Sunday, March 30, at 5:00 p.m. All will be welcome to speak. Any written comments turned in to Mary Davis will be read to the group. Soup will be provided. Please bring a salad, dessert or bread to share. Childcare will be available. Please refer to this weeks newsletter for more information.

2008 Directory Proofing

Please stop by the tables near the Information Counter to proof your information. You are welcome to make corrections or to write "OK" if the information is correct. There are also blank pages if you'd like your contact information included. Please be sure to fill in missing birthday(s), new e-mail addresses, work numbers, and cell phone numbers. The new edition of the church directory will be available April 13.

America for Christ Offering

The 2008 America for Christ Offering is received throughout the month of March. Please refer to the insert for more information. You are welcome to use the special envelopes at the end of each pew. Please give generously.

March 19 Newsletter

If you opted to pick up your newsletter (as opposed to having it e-mailed or mailed), your copy of the latest edition is available at the Information Counter or in any of the three brochure racks around the church buildings.

Texts for next Sunday, March 30:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 · Psalm 16 · 1 Peter 1:3-9 · John 20:19-31

Announcements

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Immediately following the service, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

The Mission Board will once again host this year's Rotating Shelter beginning tomorrow evening, Monday, March 24 running through the evening of Monday, March 31. The men arrive at 8:00 p.m. each night, sleep in the fellowship hall and leave the next morning at 7:00 a.m. Thank you in advance to all of the volunteers!

TODAY, March 23

Happy Easter!

9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, March 25

9:30 a.m. - ABWM Board (Lounge)

5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 p.m. - Bd. of Christian Educ. (Conf. Room)

Wednesday, March 26

1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)

5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)

Thursday, March 27

6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)

5:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)

Sunday, March 30

9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)

(newsletter deadline)

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:30 a.m. - Congregational Vote: Youth Minister

5:00 p.m. - Congregational Conversation about our church's name

Children and Youth Christian Education

All children are invited to worship with their families. There will be no church school classes today. Children's music ministry and church school classes resume next week.

Childcare is available from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on the upper level for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and kindergartners. Children staying in the service are invited to take an activity packet.

Adult Christian Education (11:30 – 12:30)

There will be no second hour classes today.

New Spring Adult classes, beginning April 6 (11:30 on Sunday mornings):

Religion and Peacemaking in the Middle East (Lounge) Ron Gregg, facilitator
This series of presentations by local Arabs, Jews and Christians will examine the possibilities for a peaceful outcome of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict from a variety of perspectives, especially the religious.

Earth Crammed With Heaven (Room 108) Ron Tipton, leader
Using a book by Elizabeth Dreyer, a laywoman who is concerned about a "spirituality of everyday life," this "class" will follow a small group format. Participants will commit to consistent attendance and preparation each week (reading portions of the book), with group time spent in sharing and growing through spiritual disciplines. The book is available at the Information Counter.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study (Memorial Lounge, 1:30 – 2:30)
Rev. Paul Simpson Duke leads a study of the Gospel of John, chapters 12-21. Join us each week for fellowship, learning and great snacks!

Small Groups (ChristCare) – Centered on Bible study, fellowship, mission, prayer and worship, we currently have two groups: one which meets monthly and the other which meets every other week. See Stacey, Paul or Sue Ellen for more information about joining a group.

Easter Lilies have been given by:

David Robbins
The Alaniz family
The Suits family
Max & Sam Halliday
Mildred A. MacGregor
Ethan & Jim Wright

in honor of:

Joyce Arn
our church family
Lynn Suits Lamkin
our grandparents & great grandparents
Helen Johnson
James & Margaret Wright

Easter Lilies have been given by:

David & Peggy Cave
Beverly Inbody
Omer Robbins, Jr.
Nancy Rhodes & Ethan Wright
Johanna Johnson
Leslie & Doris George
The Doman family
Frank Willis
Nancy Rushton
The Finn family
Thomas Scott
Patty Simmons
Richard & Bonnie Bates
Ola Jeanne & Dan McCollough
Mildred A. MacGregor
Richard & Betsy Willis
Lynn Suits Lamkin

in memory of:

Laura Cave
Orrin & Doris Inbody
Elsie I. Robbins
Mary West Stroh
Bob Johnson
Jitsuo & Hazel Morikawa
Carl, Christine & David Doman
Zella Willis
George & Velda Sanders
J. Geoffrey Green & Charles Edd Finn
Marie Johnson Scott & Robert P. Scott
Velda Sanders & Orrin Inbody
Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Bates; Mr. & Mrs. Russell Vance
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Purchase
Dr. Robert K. MacGregor Sr.
Zella Willis
Robert Bruce & Robert Klein
Carl & Flossie Feiner; Hazel, Emil & Joe Suits
John Floyd, Jr., Sara Parker Floyd,
Randy Reed & Claire Hodge

~ Please take your Easter Lilies home after the service today ~