



Encountering The Real Jesus

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. (C. S. Lewis)

ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 31, 2024

The playing of the chimes is a signal that the hour of our corporate worship has begun.
During this time, we invite you to silently prepare your hearts to praise our Triune God to
whom belongs all glory, power, and majesty.
(Please silence all phones and non-medical electronic devices.)

Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.

Welcome

PASTOR BARBER

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — I Am Not My Own (Susan Bentall Boersma, based on the
Heidelberg Catechism 1; Craig Courtney)

CHANCEL and
GRACE & PEACE
Choirs

I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. I am not my own.
I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, not even death.
I am not my own. His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.
I am not my own.
For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life He gives me hope.
By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him.
I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I belong to Him, in life, in death, my only comfort, I belong to Him, I will live for Him.
Forever and ever, forever and ever, forever more.

❖ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

PASTOR BARBER

Call to Worship — Psalm 124:8; 5:11–12 (adap.)

Pastor: Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and
earth.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and
earth.**

Pastor: Let us who take refuge in God rejoice;

People: **Let us ever sing for joy,**

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Pastor: And spread your protection over us, that those who love your name may exult in you.

All: For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover them with favor as with a shield.

❖ Hymn (Trinity #277) — Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (music next pages)

PASTOR POST

❖ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by 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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

❖ **Gloria Patri**

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, amen.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley, 1739

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7.al.
Lyra Davidica, 1708; alt.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament reading — Isaiah 53:1–7, 10 (Pew Bible, p. 780)

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isaiah 53:1–7, 10

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ELDER DAVID
ROSE

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**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
(followed by Private Confession of Sin)**

O LORD, give me to die with You that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness and to the world; that I might not hear the voice of the evil one and might be delivered from his lusts. My God, there is much ill about me – crucify it; much flesh with me – mortify it. Purge me from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of praise, the shame of being thought old-fashioned, and the desire to be sophisticated. Let me count my old life dead because of the crucifixion, and never feed it as a living thing. Allow me to stand with my dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, to be willing to take up unpopular truths, and to hold fast Your Word until death. Never let me wander from the path of obedience to Your will. Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

Assurance of Pardon

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Psalm 34:8 (Pew Bible, p. 588)

WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



You can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

Offertory Response — At the Name of Jesus (adap. from Phil. 2:6–11; C. Berry)
Jesus, though He was God did not cling to His rights as God, but laid aside His mighty power, His mighty power and glory.
Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men.
He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross!
At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow in heaven and on earth.
That ev'ry knee shall bow, and ev'ry tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!
At the name of Jesus!

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❖ Hymn — Crown Him!

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years-olds may go to Beginner Bible in room 100. There is no Jr. Church today. There are activity bags available by the church bulletins for the kids in place of Jr. Church today.

Lyrics by Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

DIADEMATA
George J. Elvey (1816-1893)
quoting HYMN TO JOY (L. v. Beethoven)
arr. by Dan Forrest



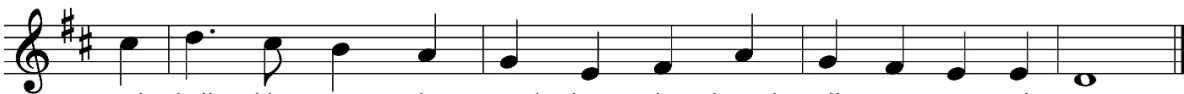
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne:
2. Crown him the Lord of love: Be - hold His hands and side -
3. Crown him the Lord of life! Who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Fa - ther known,



Hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but it's own!
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied;
Who rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those He came to save;
One with the Spir - it through Him giv'n from yon - der glo - rious throne.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
To Thee be end - less praise, For Thou for us hast died;



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
But down - ward bends his won - d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
Who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
Be Thou, O Lord, through end - less days A - dored and mag - ni - fied!

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PASTOR BARBER

GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

Encountering The Real Jesus — John 21:1–19 (Pew Bible, p. 1154)

¹ After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast,” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

John 21:1–19

❖ Hymn (Trinity #276) — Up from the Grave He Arose (music next pages)

❖ GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

We are scheduled to celebrate the Lord’s Supper next Lord’s Day during the morning worship service. Let us therefore follow Paul’s admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27–29 to partake of the Lord’s Supper in a worthy manner by examining ourselves before the Lord. The Westminster Shorter Catechism states, “It is required of those who would receive rightly the Lord’s Supper, that they examine themselves as to their knowledge of the meaning and object of this sacrament, their faith to feed upon Christ, and their repentance, love and new obedience; for coming in an unworthy manner would bring judgement on themselves” (Answer 97).

Up from the Grave He Arose

Capo 1: (A) (D/A) (A) (E) (E⁷) (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#m) (E/B) (B⁷) (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.

REFRAIN
 (A) *Faster*

Up from the grave he a - rose, He a - rose!

(D) (A)

with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes. He a - rose!

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!

He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

Robert Lowry, 1874

CHRIST AROSE 11.10.ref.
Robert Lowry, 1874



OUR MISSION We exist to change lives through sharing Christ.
We carry out this mission in three ways:

GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM

DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP—Wednesdays at 9:15-11:30AM and 6:30–8:00PM.

Will not meet this Wednesday, April 6th.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. “Sojourners and Exiles” by Sinclair Ferguson

JR. & SR. HIGH SPRING RETREAT—April 19-21. For more information and to register go to the ‘Youth Group’ page on our website. **Registration deadline is today, March 31st!**

SEND — we are all Christ’s ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—Phil & Barb—MTW: Asian Crescent—Southeast Asia (see our Missionary Highlight in this week’s online EPiC Newsletter)

Attendance and Financial Information for March 24, 2024

SS: 164 - AM: 383 - PM: 161

General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 19,329.09
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 22,240.00
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$239,055.14
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$266,880.96
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$239,543.23

Slides & Rides Fundraiser \$9,425.00



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