

# THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

March 23, 2008

*Easter Sunday*

10:45 A.M.

*Thank you for being here today. We believe that worship is essential to our faith. When we gather, we gather in the midst of God, and His Spirit inspires and directs. During our Gathering Time, we invite you to extend a warm welcome to each other and to our guests as we celebrate the gift of Christian fellowship! May you find the joy of God's love and grace as we share this time together.*

***We would also ask that in consideration of other worshippers, please turn off, or switch to silent mode, all paging and cellular devices.***

***Hearing Assistance devices are available from any usher.***

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS and MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

\*INVITATION TO SHARE IN WORSHIP

based on Matthew 18:20

Joyful is the sound we make this morning! **For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.**

Thankful is the song we sing! **For this day moves us past darkness and despair.**

Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips! **For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.**

Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**Christ is risen! Christ lives here and now. He is among us at this and every moment!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

Willan

*Having experienced the warmth of Christian fellowship, we now invite you to take this time to prepare your heart to encounter the living God in worship!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Christ the Lord is Risen*

Pinkston

*Christ the Lord, is risen, breaking death's dark prison, alleluia, The Lord is risen.*

*He that wrought creation now hath brought salvation. Sing alleluia, Christ is risen today.*

*Raise your voice in singing, grateful anthems bringing, alleluia, The Lord is risen.*

*Leave all care and sadness, Sing with joy and gladness, sing alleluia, Christ 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.***

*Christ the Lord most glorious, is over death victorious, alleluia, the Lord is risen.*

*Tell the wondrous story, give him praise and glory! Sing alleluia, Christ is risen, alleluia!*

INVOCATION

Jeff Allen

MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD

*John 20:1-18*

Jason Cogdill

RESPONSIVE READING

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he is risen!"

The Lord is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

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MUSICAL OFFERING

*He Is Risen*

Pethel

***Grace Notes***

\*HYMN NO. 160

*Low In the Grave He Lay*

CHRIST AROSE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jeff Allen

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

\*HYMN NO. 161

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Garry Crist

OFFERTORY

*We Shall Behold Him*

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ANTHEM

*The Days of Christ*

Courtney

*On a Sunday, Jesus rode on a donkey, on a Sunday, people hailed Him as King. They laid palms before Him as they praised and adored Him on a Sunday. On a Thursday, Jesus dined with disciples, on a Thursday, Jesus washed their feet. Then He went to a garden, prayed, "not my will, but Thine" on a Thursday.*

*He is Lord and every knee will bow and every tongue confess:*

*He is Lord and His kingdom shall stand in truth and righteousness.*

*On a Friday, Jesus suffered in silence, on a Friday, Jesus died on a tree. He cried, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" on a Friday. On the third day, even death could not hold Him, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. And the legions of darkness were defeated forever on the third day.*

*At the last day I will see my Redeemer, at the last day, we will meet face to face. Though my skin be destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see Him at the last day. And someday, I will cross over Jordan and someday, I'll reach the promised land. I will sing with the angels in that heavenly choir someday. He is Lord!*

***Channels***

SERMON

*How Can We Stay Dead?*

Pastor

John 20:1-18

\*HYMN NO. 164

*The Day of Resurrection*

LANCASHIRE

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor

RESPONSE

*This Is the Threefold Truth*

ACCLAMATIONS

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

POSTLUDE

*Easter Chant*

Young

\* Those who are able are asked to stand.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Today**

12:15 p.m. Visitation Assignments  
No afternoon or evening activities

**Monday**

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 907

**Tuesday**

10:00 a.m. *Grace Notes* Rehearsal

**Wednesday**

5:30 p.m. Media Center Open  
5:30-6:30 Supper Line Open  
6:00 Sunday School Council  
*Cherub Choir, Sing for God, Psalm 8:2* Rehearsals  
6:45 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study  
Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, Youth Discipleship/Missions  
*Sanctuary Choir, Deacons*  
7:30  
**Saturday**  
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

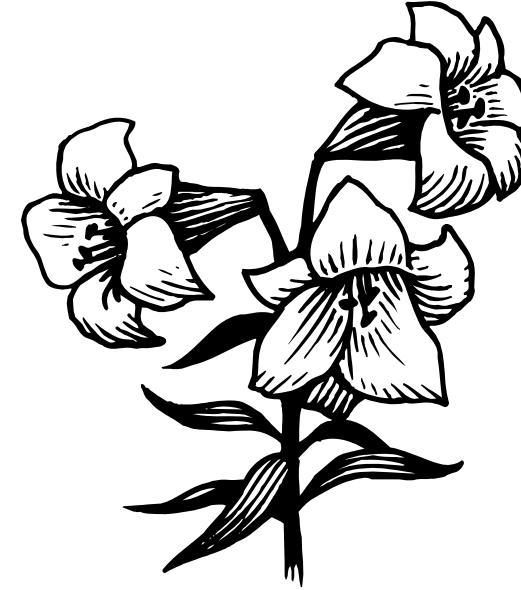
**Nursery Workers Today:** Joy & Keith Minster, Beth Nelson & Stephanie Phillips,  
Sally & Van Crotts

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***The Lord is risen!***

***He is risen indeed!***

***EASTER SUNDAY***