

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prepare your hearts for worship.

***CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER**

John 11:25-26

He who said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,' calls us to attend Him.

Who also said, 'And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.'

***CHRIST IS RISEN**

Matt Maher

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame. But fix our eyes upon the cross and run to him who showed great love and bled for us; freely you bled, for us.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death. Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave!

Christ is risen from the dead. We are one with him again. Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave!

Beneath the weight of all our sin You bow to none but heavens will. No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold you down. In strength you reign, forever let your church proclaim.

Oh death! Where is your sting? Oh hell! Where is your victory? Oh Church! Come stand in the light! The glory of God has defeated the night! Oh death! Where is your sting? Oh hell! Where is your victory? Oh Church! Come stand in the light! Our God is not dead, he's alive! he's alive!

***HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS**

Newsboys

Up to the hill of Calvary my Savior went courageously and there he bled and died for me. Hallelujah for the cross. And on that day the world was changed a final, perfect lamb was slain. Let earth and heaven now proclaim. Hallelujah for the cross.

Hallelujah for the war He fought, Love has won, death has lost. Hallelujah for the souls He bought, Hallelujah for the cross.

What good I've done could never save, my debt too great for deeds to pay. But God, my Savior, made a way. Hallelujah for the cross. A slave to sin, my life was bound, but all my chains fell to the ground. When Jesus' blood came flowing down. Hallelujah for the cross.

Hallelujah, hallelujah. And when I breathe my final breath. I'll have no need to fear that rest. This hope will guide me into death. Hallelujah for the cross.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53

OFFERING

***CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY**

Charles Wesley

Christ the Lord is ris'n today alleluia. Sons of men and angels say alleluia. Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia. Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia.

Lives again our glorious King alleluia. Where O death is now thy sting alleluia. Dying once He all doth

save alleluia. Where thy victory O grave alleluia.

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia. Fought the fight the battle won alleluia. Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia. Christ has opened paradise 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.

Vain the stone the watch the seal alleluia. Christ hath burst the gates of hell alleluia. Death in vain forbids His rise alleluia. Christ hath opened paradise alleluia.

SERMON

Matthew 28:1-10 The Risen King

***HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away, as wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders, ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from

His reward? I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

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.¹ 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 catholic² church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹ Heidelberg Catechism 44: Why does the creed add, "He descended to hell"? A. To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.

² "catholic" means universal

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE LORD'S SUPPER

***BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG**

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