

Prelude and Silent Prayer

He, the Life of all, our Lord and Savior, did not arrange the manner of his own death lest He should seem to be afraid of some other kind. No. He accepted and bore upon the cross a death inflicted by others, and those others His special enemies, a death which to them was supremely terrible and by no means to be faced; and He did this in order that, by destroying even this death, He might Himself be believed to be the Life, and the power of death be recognized as finally annulled. A marvelous and mighty paradox has thus occurred, for the death which they thought to inflict on Him as dishonor and disgrace has become the glorious monument to death's defeat. – Athanasius of Alexandria

To prepare for worship, please be seated when the prelude begins.

** Denotes congregation standing.*

*** Denotes congregation standing, and lifting of hands.*

*God Calls His People to Worship

Acts 2:32-36

This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear: For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. AMEN

God's People Respond to His Call to Worship

(Hymn 277)

*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!*

*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!*

AMEN

*Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:27-31

Leader: All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

Congregation: For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations.

Leader: All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship;

Congregation: All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.

Leader: A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,

Congregation: They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this. AMEN

*Psalm 22I Book of Psalms for Singing

God Calls His People to Repentance

Romans 6:19b-21 ...Just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. AMEN

God's People Respond by Confessing Their Sins

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. AMEN

God Assures His People of their Forgiveness

Romans 6:22-23 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*God's People Respond with Praise for the Forgiveness of Sins

**Worship Christ, the Risen King! Hymn 286*

God's People Confess Their Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith – 8.5

Leader: Christians, what do you believe concerning the work of Christ?

Congregation: The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience, and sacrifice of himself, which he, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of his Father; and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto him. AMEN

God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares upon Him

Romans 8:32-34 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. AMEN

God's People Respond by Bringing Their Petitions

Prayer of Intercession followed by *The Lord's Prayer*

God's People Worship by Bringing Their Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory, followed by **The Doxology*

God Speaks to His People through His Word

**The Reading of the Scriptures: Isaiah 25*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon The Feast of Zion

**At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Hymn 420*

God Communes with His People

Leader: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Let us pray.

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Congregation: God of all good,
I bless Thee for the means of grace.
Thou hast prepared for me a feast;
And though I am unworthy to sit down as guest,
I wholly rest on the merits of Jesus,
And hide myself beneath His righteousness.
In the supper I remember His eternal love,
Boundless grace, infinite compassion, agony, cross,
Redemption, and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory.
As the outward elements nourish my body,
So may the indwelling Spirit invigorate my soul,
Until that day when I hunger and thirst no more,
And sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast. AMEN*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Sing Choirs of New Jerusalem Hymn 271*

God Commissions His People

*Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
AMEN*

****Benediction**

Congregational Response Gloria Patri

Opportunities for Fellowship and Service

- Special collection for persecuted Christians – April 5 & 12
- Men's Meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, April 8 – RSVP by Monday, April 6th
- Financial Peace University – Starting the week of April 13th

Elders: Keith Diamond and Ted Phillips

*Deacons: Christopher Diamond, Daniel Ferrill, Chris King,
John LaBreche, and Alan Marsh*

<i>Sunday Service Teams</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Partner Families</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>A. Marsh</i>	<i>Taylor, White, Brodock, J. Phillips</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>C. King</i>	<i>T. Phillips, Wheeler</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>C. Diamond</i>	<i>K. Diamond, Stephens, D. Phillips</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>J. LaBreche</i>	<i>Crawford, Vest, Anderson, Randall</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>D. Ferrill</i>	<i>McCoy, Porter, Reese</i>

Sermon Notes

Christ Church

*Worshiping Christ and equipping God's people
to extend His Lordship
down through our generations
and out into the world.*

**Resurrection Sunday
Covenant Renewal Service
April 5, 2015**

***To our guests:** We are delighted that you have joined us for our covenant renewal worship! Our liturgy begins with God calling His people into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise (Ps. 100:4). As we draw nearer to God, we confess our sins together and receive cleansing in the blood of Jesus (Eph. 2:11-14). Clothed in the covering of His righteousness, we proclaim our faith and offer our prayers as incense before the throne of God (Rev. 5:8). After hearing the Word of the Lord and its exhortation, we are consecrated to approach the throne of grace, commune with the Lamb of God, and renew our covenant with the Lord of glory at His table (Heb. 4:14-16). Finally, God sends us out into the world with His lessons to extend Jesus' kingdom on earth (John 17:17-18; Matt. 28:18-20).*

All those baptized into Jesus Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper as a means of renewing our faith and our vows of covenant love and fidelity with Christ, who is with us by His Spirit, and with the church, which is His Body. We serve both wine and grape juice for communion. If you have a preference, please inform the elder who is distributing the elements.

*Morning worship is at 9:30 AM, followed by coffee & fellowship.
Men's Bible Study and Ladies' Meetings are held regularly; please ask for details.*

*For more information please check out our website at:
www.ChristChurchBranchCove.org*