



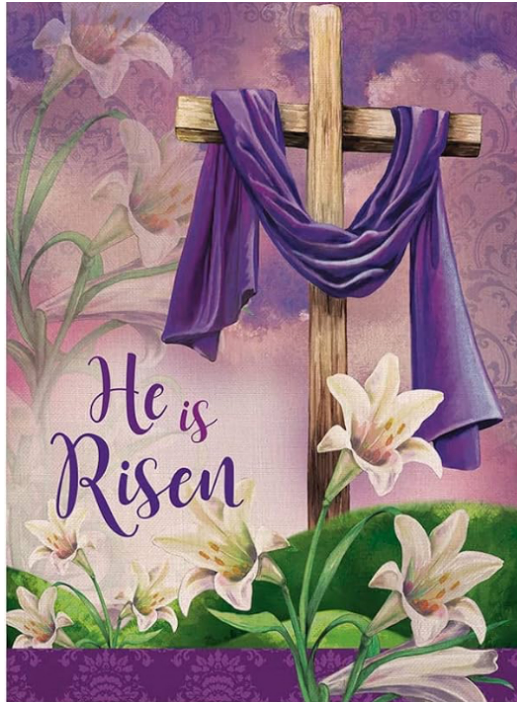
HE IS RISEN!

April 20, 2025 — 10:30 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;
Worship Leader: Robert Stiles Message: Rev. David Wenker;
Worship Production: Norris Clark.



WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: www.coldspringworship.com

MESSAGE PREVIEW

Rev. David Wenker's message is "What 'Rising From the Dead' Means".

Although Jesus told his disciples several times he was going to suffer many things, be killed, buried and after three days he would rise from the dead they did not understand what he was talking about. On this side of the resurrection we take for granted what it means, but it made no sense to the disciples. There was little concept of resurrection to the Jewish people, the Romans or the Greeks. We'll examine afresh what it means for us.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Rev. David Wenker will be singing He's Alive by Don Francisco. Don Francisco (born 1946) is the son of a seminary professor; he was raised in Sunday School and sang in his church's choir. "He's Alive" is a song that tells the story of the apostle Peter as he experienced that first Resurrection morning. But, it is also Don Francisco's story as he heard

Jesus say to him, "I am Jesus, and I am alive." This song was the longest-running chart single in Christian radio history.

The hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" evolved from a 14th-century Latin hymn called "Surrexit Christus hodie". In the early 1700s, it was translated into English and published as "Jesus Christ is Risen Today". Charles Wesley later adapted and expanded upon this hymn, resulting in the version known as "Christ the Lord is Risen Today". This version, originally with eleven stanzas, was later shortened and features the "Alleluia" refrain.

The hymn "Thine Be the Glory" was written by Edmond Budry, a Swiss pastor, in 1884. It was later translated into English in 1923 by Richard Hoyle. The hymn is set to the tune "MACCABAEUS" from George Frideric Handel's oratorio Judas Maccabaeus. **Budry was inspired to write the hymn after the death of his wife.**

"Because He Lives" was written by Bill and Gloria Gaither in the late 1960s, a time of significant personal and social upheaval for them. Gloria was struggling with anxieties about bringing a new child into an uncertain world, while Bill was recovering from illness. She experienced a moment of peace and assurance, knowing that God would provide. The song's lyrics reflect this experience, offering hope and assurance in God's power.

PRELUDE: "HE IS RISEN!"

JAYNE McDONOUGH

WELCOME:

REV. DAVID WENKER

GOD WELCOMES ALL (PLEASE SING)

**God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; the Lord has risen

He has risen indeed

The Lord has risen

He has risen indeed

The Lord has risen

He has risen indeed

Where O death is your victory?

Where O death is your sting?

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Christ has risen indeed

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord has risen

He has risen indeed

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

We join with all creation and all your people everywhere in celebrating the wonder of Jesus resurrection. You are a God full of surprises. Even the disciples who were with Jesus were astonished at what you did. Grant us eyes today to find the hope and wonder for our lives. Thank you for your victory over sin and death. We pray in Jesus name, AMEN

**GATHERING HYMN "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN
TODAY" BLUE HYMNAL #123**

**1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, not even death. Trusting in this Good News, let us turn to God to honestly confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Forgive us when we live as though Jesus is not alive and not raised from the dead. We become stuck in fear when you offer such amazing hope. We become lost in helplessness when the power of the resurrection is ours to trust. We despair when we can't see our way through difficulties rather than follow the one who walked through death. Open our eyes afresh to the hope and power of Jesus resurrection in our lives today. We pray in Jesus name, AMEN.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (RESPONSIVE)

One: Therefore if anyone is in Christ they are a new reation. The old is finished and gone and everything is made new.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* **The 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, Amen.**

Solo - “He’s Alive”

Rev. David Wenker, Baritone soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Savior God, we need your good news. We need the challenge of your Holy Spirit. We need this time of Word and worship. Help us to tune our hearts and minds to your will and your way as we approach the Scriptures today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 28: 1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples:

‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 9: 2-10

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the

mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “rising from the dead” meant.

MESSAGE: "WHAT 'RISING FROM THE DEAD' MEANS".

REV. DAVID WENKER

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

**Profession of Faith - The Apostles Creed
(Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF MEDITATION - "*THINE IS THE GLORY*"
BLUE HYMNAL #122

**1. Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won,
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy Body lay.**

**2. Lo! Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting.**

**3. No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without Thee;
Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors**

**Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above.
Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS -

With glad and generous hearts, let us give from what we have received.

OFFERTORY - *“REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!”*

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below; praise
God above the heavenly host, praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

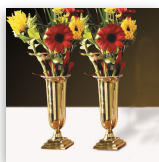
COMMUNITY NEWS



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Birthday Blessings to Elaine Jordan ~ April 27
Anniversary Blessings to: Charlie & Barbara Keister ~ April
20

Guy & Nancy Kessler ~ April 20



Flowers: Sign-up in the Narthex, or online, if you'd like to donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one. For more information, contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).

Donate
40 Things in
40 days

Lenten Challenge! Donate 40 Things in 40 Days. This project ends today.



Cold Spring Suppers – Free dinner with thoughtful discussion Join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month starting **Tuesday, April 22, at 6:30 pm**, for free pizza, salad and drink, a short presentation and thoughtful discussion on spirituality from a Christian perspective. April discussion topic: “Proving God Exists.”

RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pray for: **Dale Myers** having heart surgery; **Linda Kaempf** is home, recovering from surgery; the family and friends of **Stan Crawley** on his passing; **Guy Kessler** is now in rehab at Pelican Point; **Rebecca McCaughey** is recuperating in North Cape Rehab. Center from pneumonia; **Roseann Crook** suffering with breast cancer, she is the daughter of Joe & Roseann Paulits; **Charlie Keister** is at home on hospice care; **Barb Keister** also needs prayers for her injuries from the fall. **James Palmisano**, Dee Sloan’s Brother, is now in hospice care; **Kiley Fulford**, 17 yrs old recently diagnosed with MS, Chuck & Barbara McPherson’s Niece.

Continual prayer requested for: **Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Pastor Bob & Anna Sheidly** friends of Bob Heinly, as they battle multiple maladies of aging; **Bob Sheidly** is improving and grateful for our prayers.

Those on hospice care: **Charlie Keister, Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Ted Lewis, James Palmisano.**

Those undergoing cancer treatment: **Katrina Gonzalez, Bob Maher, Karen R., Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Jennifer, Lori, Ruth, Debbie, Mike Grecco Norma, Roseann Crook.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

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 evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

Once we were strangers,
Now we are neighbors.
Once we were strangers,
Now we are friends.

SENDING HYMN - "BECAUSE HE LIVES" RED HYMNAL #169

**1. God sent His Son they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives.
Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.**

2. How sweet to hold our newborn baby,

**And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days
Because He lives.**

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.**

**3. And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives.**

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.**

BENEDICTION:

REV. DAVID WENKER

POSTLUDE: *"LOW IN THE GRAVE HE LAY"*

JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace. See you next week!

So glad you've joined us. Please Like and Subscribe on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. Worship at any time on YouTube. Invite others to join you next week.

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1. *He is Risen: Edward Broughton arr. / from Bohemian Brethrans "Kirchengesange"*
2. *God Welcomes All - CCLI Song #5495557*
3. *Jesus Chris is Risen Today: Charles Wesley, Lyra Davidica; CCLI #2872180*
4. *Gloria Public Domaine*
5. *He's Alive: Don Francesco; CCLi Song #14806*
6. *Thine is the Glory: Edmund Louis Budry, George Frederick Handel; CCLI Song #2758163*
7. *Rejoice the Lord is King!: John Darwall, arr. Anna Laura Page*
8. *Doxology - CCLI Song #425557*
9. *Because He Lives: William & Gloria Gaither; CCLI Song #1688*
10. *Low in the Grave He Lay: Robert Lowry, arr. Lani Smith*