

The Order for the Worship of God

April 4, 2021
11:00 a.m.

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
(Revelation 1:5b-6)

Welcome and Announcements (Please turn your cell phone to “silent” mode. Thank you!)

The Prelude

Deborah Davis

The Call to Worship from Luke 24

Pastor: “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.” Christ is risen!

ALL: HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

*The Hymn
Today, Alleluia!

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Christ the Lord Is Risen

*The Corporate Expression of Heartfelt Adoration

Almighty God, we rejoice today that Christ, who died, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring us to God, rose again from the dead on the third day, just as he promised. We give thanks that we died with him and arose with him unto newness of life. Accept the worship of which you alone are worthy, Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God in three persons forever. Amen.

*The Hymn
King

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Worship Christ, the Risen

The Morning Prayer for Christ’s Church and the World

Ruling Elder Allen Monroe

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:13-27

Sermon: The Resurrection: Fact or Fiction?

The Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

The Corporate Prayer of Confession followed by Silent Confession of Sins

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are often fearful about life: our relationships, our health, our finances, our families, our futures, and many other things. We find it hard to trust you in a way that brings comfort to our anxious hearts. Forgive us, we pray. Jesus, we thank you that you endured pain and suffering infinitely greater than anything we will ever suffer. Thank you that died for us, rose from the dead for us, ascended, and will come again to take us to be with you forever, wiping away all our tears and comforting at last our grieving, broken hearts. Holy Spirit, help us to believe and trust in Christ: that in his death we died to sin, and that in his resurrection we are raised to new life. Give us the joy and peace that should flow from that reality, as we continue to live in this broken world, especially as we face the last enemy, death itself. Grant us grace to believe Jesus, who said: “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.” In his name, we pray, amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*The Hymn

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Up from the Grave He Arose

*The Benediction

The Postlude

Deborah Davis

*Congregation Stands. (Please feel free to be seated at any time.)

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WELCOME TO ALL who visit today. We ask all worshippers: please sign the friendship register. May your heart be enabled by the Holy Spirit to celebrate with joy the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ and by faith live in the newness of life He graciously gives!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Rev. Tom Osterhaus continues teaching through the book of James in the Fellowship Hall. The Ladies' Class meets in classroom #6 and is watching the DVD Series by R.C. Sproul – "Pleasing God." **Prayer Time: (10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.): An elder will be in the library to pray with and for church members.**

INVITATION TO PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – All baptized believers in Christ Jesus who are members in good standing (communing members) of any evangelical church are invited to participate. Please pick up your communion packet on one of the tables. Those with wine are marked with a "W."

DR. SILMAN'S SERMONS are prerecorded and aired at 8:00 a.m. on WSQL Radio (1240 AM or 102.1 FM or may be accessed online at www.wsql.info) each Sunday. They are also emailed to those who are unable to attend worship in person. If you would like to receive the sermon by email and are not currently a recipient, please contact Leigh Lipsi to be added to the list (leighlipsi@gmail.com).

COLLECTION PLATES WILL CONTINUE TO BE PLACED AT THE ENTRANCES TO RECEIVE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS, as well as today's Deacons' Fund Offering.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

**"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!**

**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! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

WORSHIP CHRIST, THE RISEN KING!

**Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices, resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!**

**Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer,
But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!**

**We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory,
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!**

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

Low in the grave he lay – Jesus, my Savior, waiting the coming day – Jesus, my Lord.

**Refrain: Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Death cannot keep his prey – Jesus, my Savior; he tore the bars away – Jesus, my Lord.
Refrain.**