

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOMERev. Josh Powers

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER..... Pastor and Congregation

EASTER PRAYER OF PRAISE Pastor and Congregation

People: We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for your love is forever and you have raised the crucified Christ from the dead.

Pastor: You created all things and placed Christ as the cornerstone. You made your grace known to Israel in the wilderness, and through your prophets you pledged your everlasting love and constant faithfulness.

People: You anointed your child, Jesus, with the Holy Spirit and power, and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by sin and darkness.

Pastor: He was put to death, hung on a tree, but you raised him on the third day, and allowed him to appear, first to Mary Magdalene and then to your other chosen witnesses.

People: So now we praise you within the gates of justice and raise our glad songs of victory, for you have become our savior and hidden our lives in Christ in glory.

Pastor: Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

All: One God, forever and ever! Amen.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... “The Hallelujah Chorus” Choir

GOSPEL LESSON ...*John 20:1-18*..... Molly Abbott

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she

had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

HYMN ... “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”194

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray you: in your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “Crown Him with Many Crowns” ...vs. 1, 2 and 4223

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ...*Acts 10:34-43* Reggie Jackson

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

ANTHEM... “He Arose” Choir

SERMON ... *Resurrecting Hope* Pastor

CLOSING ... “Hallelujah” John Beard

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

MONDAY

7:00 p.m..... Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY ... No service

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m..... JOY Group to Carolina Aviation Museum in Charlotte

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m..... BREAKFAST

USHERS

TODAY..... Jeff Robinson's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY..... Missy Myers

NEXT SUNDAY Sylvia McAlister

NURSERY

TODAY..... Barbara Buckland

NEXT SUNDAY Angel Robinson

PRAYER LIST

Church family: Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Rodney Loflin, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill, Sarah Jo Wall,			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
			Mary James	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law
				Mildred Hunsucker	friend
At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner, Florence Cagle			Butch/Nancy Jenkins Candy Loflin	Benny McBride	friend
				Bob Moore	nephew
Friends and Relatives of: Molly/Wayne Abbott			Max/Jane Luquire	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
				John Moore	Nancy's father
			Barbara Lynthacum	Cristie Thomas	friend
				Beth Holt	friend
			Jean Maness	Misty Morgan	friend.
				Iris Luquire	sister-in-law
			Sylvia McAlister	Jo Brooks	friend
				J.D. Thompson	nephew
			Pat/Bob Morgan	Melissa Green	daughter
				Helen Mabe	aunt
			Jeff Robinson	Carol Luther	friend
				Tammy Parker	friend
			Nancy Ruppert	Jesse Wallace	friend
				June Spears	friend
			Barbara Smith	Marie Spoon	sister
				Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
				Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart	

