

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Psalm 118:21-29*..... Reggie Jackson

**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! <sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has given us light. <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. <sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

HYMN ... "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" ..... 194

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation. Yet we still fall**

**into doubt and fear. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Give us courage and strength to follow your leading, O God, to seek hope, reconciliation and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ...vs. 1, 2 and 4 .....223

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

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. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>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.'" <sup>18</sup>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.**

ANTHEM.... "He Arose" ..... Choir

SERMON..... Pastor

CLOSING ... "Hallelujah" ..... John Beard, David Kellis

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

**USHERS**

**TODAY**..... Eugene Crisco's Team

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Jeff Robinson's Team

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**TODAY** ..... Sharon Blake, Jean Maness, Barbara Buckland

**NEXT SUNDAY** .....Angel and Courtney Robinson and Betty Green

**PRAYER LIST**

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Carolyn Brown, Paul Hussey, Dwayne Blake, Beverly Saunders, Ernest Dailey			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner				Bob Moore	nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Jennifer Denning	Katie's friend
	Tony Lawson	friend	David/Toni Kellis	Bill Boyden	cousin
	Toni Atcheson	sister	Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister		Beth Holt	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister		Misty Morgan	friend.
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters		Melissa Green	daughter
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law	Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
			Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07**

**Monthly budget needs ..... \$10,911.66**

**Last week's offering...\$4,682.25**

**March offering.....\$11,748.75**