

**Easter**  
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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive  
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure  
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

### **-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-**

#### **Welcome and Silent Prayer**

Almighty God, who through your only Son Jesus Christ has conquered death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: We ask you to deliver us, as we draw near, from all coldness of heart and every distraction of mind, that with the truest love and deepest gratitude we may give you praise and honor worthy of the great salvation you have given us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Isaiah 25.1, 6-9

#### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

#### **\*Song of Easter**

*Hymn No. 276*

*UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE*

### **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

#### **Confession of Sin**

Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise again that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life. Yet too often we have chosen death over life. In thought, word, and deed we have rebelled against you and your will for us; we have broken fellowship with you, whose love is better than life; we have hurt others, intentionally and unintentionally; and we have damaged ourselves, who were created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake, and grant that your resurrection power might flow through us, that we might walk in the ways of love and justice, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 4.3, 23-25

#### **\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 286*

*WORSHIP CHRIST, THE RISEN KING!*

## **Confession of Faith**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

—The Nicene Creed<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

## **Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer**

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 also have forgiven 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.

### **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

#### **Sermon**

"Why We Believe"

Luke 24.13-49

Rev. Ron Gonzales

#### **\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 277*

*CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY*

### **Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings**

*\*DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

### **-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-**

#### **The Lord's Supper**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner rings of each tray; grape juice in the outer rings. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation.

\*Song of Thanksgiving

# Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

words Martin Luther, 1524  
Tr. by Richard Massie, 1854; alt.  
music Robert Lowry, 1826-1899  
alt. Eileen Davis 2010



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es  
2. It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con -  
3. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly  
4. So let us keep the fes - ti - val where - to the Lord in -  
5. Then let us feast this joy - ful day on Christ, the Bread of



giv - en; but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from  
tend - ed; the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was  
gave us; he died on the ac - curs - ed tree, so strong his love! to  
vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and  
heav - en; the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil



heav - en; there - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right  
end - ed; Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed  
save us. See, his blood doth mark our door; faith points to it, death  
lights us. By his grace he does im - part e - ter - nal sun - shine  
leav - en. Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our meat and



thank - ful - ly loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
up by death, his sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
to the heart; the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no oth - er Hal - le - lu - jah!

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### Benediction

Hebrews 13.20-21

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### Gatherings

*Home Fellowship Group*, led by Pastor Ron, meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. They are studying Hebrews and all are welcome.

*The Men's Group* meets Fridays, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series, led by Kirk Alden, entitled "Leading by the Book," in which fifty-two leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills are studied from a biblical perspective. All men and older sons are invited.

*A Men's Leadership Bible Study*, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

*Prayer Meeting*: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

*Sunday Evening Worship & Cultural Engagement*: On the second Sunday of each month, we gather from 6:00 to 7:15 PM for a brief time of worship followed by teaching and discussion of issues relevant to our society's cultural moment. Pastor Ron and Elder Jacob Schroeder are leading a study on human sexuality, based on the report adopted by our General Assembly this past June. Reports can be found on the literature table. We meet in the sanctuary, and children are welcome.

*The Covenant Women's Study*, led by Cherry Gonzales is studying 2 Corinthians. It is meeting on Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the Coffee Hour room. Questions for each week can be found on the literature table, and all women are invited.

## **Sermon Notes: "Why We Believe" (Luke 24.1-49)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*St. Andrews Presbyterian Church:* Rev. Craig Harris is planting a church in Yakima. Pray for God's blessings as he gives himself to this work, and that the Lord leads him to many who are hungry to hear and respond to the gospel.

*Rev. Jay & Bet Denton* (Boise State University): Pray for Jay and the RUF staff as they reach out to students with the gospel and seek to help those who are already Christians grow in their love for God and their understanding of his grace.

*The Persecuted Church:* Though there are 47 million Christians out of 49 million people living in *Columbia*, church leaders and missionaries are nevertheless harassed, extorted and even murdered by the criminal element that runs the country. New converts are also particularly vulnerable. They face imprisonment, physical abuse, and the confiscation of property. Pray that Christians remain strong in their faith despite the dangers they face. Pray for the families of those who have been murdered or imprisoned, that they know God's comfort and strength. And pray that the gospel spreads and the church flourishes in this dark place.

*The Supplier of Every Need:* Paul writes, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Ph 4.19). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker, and Wayne Snavely* are comforted in knowing that God cares about and will supply all of their needs.

*Ukraine:* Pray for an end to the war, that Ukraine remains a free nation, and that God continues to use his people to bring help to the hurting and the lost.

## **Announcements**

*Covenant Women's Luncheon:* What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? We will explore this topic at our next women's gathering: A luncheon on Saturday, May 21, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the church. All women and teen girls are invited.

*Session Meeting:* The elders are meeting Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

### **Explanation of the Cover Symbol**

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."