

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Julia Watkins, pastoral resident
Grady Moseley, interim minister of congregational life, pastoral care
Heather Potter, director of traditional music
Robert Dicks, associate director of traditional music & organist
Kenney Potter, choral conductor
Sarah Summers, organ scholar
Trent Steelman, Ian Mackay, trumpet
Joshua Murray, French horn
Aaron Brown, Patrick Foray, trombone
Dan Hays, timpani
Burton Mackey, carillonneur
John Longshore, usher team leader

Audio and Visuals

Cleveland Elam (video), Joel St. Onge (visuals), Dave Welchman (audio)

Leading Other Services

Ian Clark, pastoral resident
Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of the risen Lord Jesus by Libba and Mike Gaither

Cover Image

The Phoenix Resting in the Palm Tree is located on the west nave of the Chapel at the top of the window nearest the narthex entrance. The phoenix, illuminated by the Star of David, and the palm tree affirmed the resurrection of Christ and the triumph of life over death to 1st Century Christians by the syncretism of early Christianity with the Hellenized Egyptian and Roman cultures in which Christianity developed. Although criticized for incorporating incompatible ideas, syncretism that embraces the universal and respects particularity reduces religious tension and promotes mutual understanding and acceptance of the Other. The German Jewish philosopher Martin Buber describes an I-Thou relation that does not objectify, but welcomes the stranger as neighbor and brings us closer in relationship to God. Reference: Lev. 19:34; Deut. 10:19; Job 29:18; Ps. 92:12; Gal. 3:28; Heb. 13:2; et al. Photo © 2017 Jonsilla.com.

Note to Parents

During the school year, Sunday School is offered in the Education Wing for preschool and elementary-aged children at 9:30 a.m. Child care is offered on the First Floor during 11 a.m. services; elementary-aged children may go to the Kindergarten room (EW120).

WELCOME TO COVENANT

Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Circle, where today's preaching minister will be glad to greet you. You also may learn more about our life of faith together at our website or on Facebook.

Interested in joining Covenant? We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. We also welcome new members on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall Library at 12 p.m.

Each Sunday, we offer education and fellowship opportunities in the mornings and evenings for children, youth and adults in the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall. Please see the digital signs in each building for details.

Covenant expects and gladly welcomes many first-time and repeat visitors. By introducing ourselves and sharing a warm greeting, we express the hospitality of our congregation. Please share a smile and welcoming word with those around you.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF APRIL 18)

Welcome New Members

Please welcome Brian Happell; and Rick and Ashley Thurmond and daughter, Molly, into our church family.

Death in the Church Family

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Anita and Gale Pendergraph on the death of his sister, Doris Baird, on April 16, and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

In Need of Healing Prayer

Judy Gaffney
Lamont Hudson
Frank Mansfield
Lillian Neal
Helen Neubauer
Polly Smith
Bob Taylor
Robert M. Taylor
Barbara White



To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 21, 2019

11 a.m.

SANCTUARY

This service is being streamed live and recorded for online viewing at media.covenantpresby.org.

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

11 a.m.

Welcome to Covenant, we are glad you are here.

Children are always welcome in worship. Child care and children's programs (ages 6 weeks to fifth grade) are offered in the Education Wing. Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

PRELUDE

Echo (Dialogue) J.S. Bach
Salvation is Created P. Tchesnokoff

CHORAL INTROIT

Christ Has Arisen! MFURAHINI, ALLELUIA

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.

He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show.

The angel said to them "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave clothes are lying there."

"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.

He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia,
to him praises be. Jesus is living!

Let us all sing, he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

~ Covenant Choir ~

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

EASTER AFFIRMATION

The Strife is O'er VICTORY

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!

~ Covenant Choir ~

Easter Litany

Liturgist: The desert will sing and rejoice

People: **And the wilderness blossom with flowers:**

Liturgist: All will see the Lord's splendor

People: **See the Lord's greatness and power.**

Liturgist: Tell everyone who is anxious:

People: **Be strong and don't be afraid:**

Liturgist: The blind will be able to see:

People: **The deaf will be able to hear:**

Liturgist: The lame will leap and dance:

People: **Those who can't speak will shout.**

Liturgist: They will hammer their swords into ploughs

People: **And their spears into pruning-knives;**

Liturgist: The nations will live in peace;

People: **They will train for war no more.**

Liturgist: This is the promise of God;

People: **God's promise will be fulfilled.**

*Congregational Response (*choir and congregation*)

The Strife is O'er VICTORY

**The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won,
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide C. Wood

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross'd the river:
lovers of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE TELLING Danette Rosenberg, teller

John 20:1-18 New Testament, p. 108

SERMON

It's About The "Why?" Bob Henderson

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 233

The Day of Resurrection LANCASHIRE

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is Risen Today P. Stopford

Christ the Lord is ris'n again, Christ hath broken ev'ry chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, "Alleluia!"

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy and say "Alleluia!"

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry.

He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed,
take our sins and guilt awy: let us sing by night and day "Alleluia."

~ Covenant Choir ~

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 607

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna HYMN TO JOY

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Hallelujah" from Messiah G.F. Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

**The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord
and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.**

King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

Symphony No. 5, Toccata C.M. Widor

