

# **A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**

## **Resurrection Sunday**

### **April 5th, 2026 - 7 AM Sunrise Service**

#### **We Gather to Worship God**

**\*Congregation stands as noted**

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: From the chaos before creation and the destruction of the flood.

**People: O Lord of life, deliver us.**

Leader: From the devastating sacrifice and the destruction of armies.

**People: O Lord of life, deliver us.**

Leader: From the vanity of wickedness and the bread that only perishes.

**People: O Lord of life, deliver us.**

Leader: From the power of the oppressor and the hardness of our own hearts.

**People: O Lord of life, deliver us.**

Leader: From the valley of dry bones and the furnace of blazing fire.

**People: O Lord of life, deliver us.**

Leader: From the belly of the beast and the disgrace of exile.

**People: O Lord of life, deliver us.**

Leader: O God of quiet mornings. We gather this morning as Mary Magdaline did so many years ago. We gather in sorrow for the violence of the world, mourning all that could have been. Yet we gather in hope that life can overcome death, that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it. We gather to hear afresh the good news of Resurrection!

#### **\*Opening Song**

**"Resurrection Hymn"**

**See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, born in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Filled in Christ the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

#### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*Hymn**

**“Because He Lives”**

God sent his son, they called him Jesus, he came to love, heal and forgive  
He bled and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave to prove my Savior lives.

*Chorus: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know, he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

And then one day, I'll cross that river, I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry I'll see the light of glory and I'll know he reigns. C

## God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

**Special Music**

**Kenneth Jones and AJ Ochart**

**“The Wonderful Cross”**

**Scripture Reading**

**John 20:1-10**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**Rev. AJ Ochart**

**“Mysterious Morning”**

## Sending Out Into the World

**\*Closing Song**

**“In Christ Alone”**

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am his and he is mine, brought with the precious love of Christ.

**\*Charge and Blessing**



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor  
Kenneth Jones, Director of Music  
Kevin Cribbs, Musician  
Sandee Cribbs, Vocalist  
Shannon Bryan, Accompanist

