

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

April 8, 2012 Easter Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Thank you for being here today. We believe that worship is essential to our faith. When we gather, we gather in the midst of God, and His Spirit inspires and directs. During our Gathering Time, we invite you to extend a warm welcome to each other and to our guests as we celebrate the gift of Christian fellowship! May you find the joy of God’s love and grace as we share this time together.

We would also ask that in consideration of other worshipers, please turn off, or switch to silent mode, all paging and cellular devices.
Hearing Assistance devices are available from any usher.

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS and MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MONOLOGUE	Easter Is Everything: Mary Magdalene’s Story	Wall
MINISTRY OF GOD’S WORD	John 20:1-18	Jeff Allen
*HYMN NO. 160	Low in the Grave He Lay	CHRIST AROSE
*INVOCATION		Jeff Allen
RESPONSE	Risen Today	Forrest
	Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise! Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia! Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave, Alleluia! Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! Alleluia!	
CHILDREN’S TIME		Jeff Allen
SONG OF PRAISE	Christ Has Risen	Getty
	Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is alive. He is risen just as He has said. Death is defeated, life has been won for us, never ending. Psalm 8:2	

PASTORAL PRAYER		Pastor
*HYMN NO. 164	The Day of Resurrection	LANCASHIRE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		Jim Pernell
OFFERTORY	Christ the Lord is Risen Today/Hallelujah Chorus	arr. Smith
*DOXOLOGY		OLD 100TH
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
SERMON	God Re-members John 20:1-18	Pastor
ANTHEM	Jesus Saves	arr. Sorenson
	Freedom’s calling, chains are falling, hope is dawning bright and true. Day is breaking, night is quaking, God is making all things new, Jesus saves. Hear the heart of heaven beating, “Jesus saves. Jesus saves;” and the hush of mercy breathing, “Jesus saves.” Hear the host of angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;” and the sounding joy repeating, “Jesus saves.” See the humblest hearts adore Him. Jesus saves. Jesus saves; and the wisest bow before Him, Jesus saves. See the sky alive with praise, melting darkness in its blaze. There is light forevermore in “Jesus saves.” He will live, our sorrows sharing. Jesus saves. Jesus saves. He will die our burden bearing. Jesus saves. Jesus saves. “It is done!” will shout the cross, “Christ has paid redemption’s cost!” While the empty tomb’s declaring, “Jesus saves!” Freedom’s calling, chains are falling, hope is dawning bright and true. Day is breaking, night is quaking, God is making all things new, Jesus saves. Oh, to grace, how great a debtor, Jesus saves, all the saints who shout together, “Jesus saves.” Rising up so vast and strong, lifting up salvation’s song, the redeemed will sing forever, “Jesus saves!”	
*HYMN NO. 320	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	LEMMEL
*BENEDICTION		Pastor
RESPONSE	This Is the Threefold Truth Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!	ACCLAMATIONS
POSTLUDE	The Blessed Christ is Ris’n Today	Bach

* Those who are able are asked to stand.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Today</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Re:Creation Worship Service – Smith Hall
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Morning Worship
2:00 p.m.	Baptist Men – Downtown Jail Service
<u>Monday</u>	
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 907
<u>Tuesday</u>	
10:00 a.m.	Grace Notes leave for Clare Bridge
6:30 p.m.	WMU Salad Supper
<u>Wednesday</u>	
5:30 p.m.	WOM – Conference Room
6:00	Supper Line Open
	Youth Bus Station Ministry
6:30	Children’s Music
	Prayer
6:45	Bible Study
7:00	Children’s Missions
7:30	Sanctuary Choir; yoU-Turn Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	
7:30 p.m.	APB Rehearsal
<u>Saturday</u>	
7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study

Nursery Workers Today: Carolyn Ely, Bill Buitendorp, Beth SabbaghRabaiotti, Angie Bonner, Marla & Scott Andrews

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Church Organist	Sheila Hutcherson
Church Pianist	Teresa Hill
Deacon of the Week	Jim Pernell



The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed!
EASTER SUNDAY