



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,  
but Jesus Christ as Lord,  
with ourselves as your servants  
for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

Hell grasped at a corpse and met God. Hell seized earth and encountered Heaven.  
Hell took what it saw and was overcome by what it could not see.

John Chrysostom

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

Psalm 22:27-28

# Easter Sunday — April 17, 2022

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

## Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Responsive Call to Worship

**1 Corinthians 15**

Pastor: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

**People: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**

### Prayer of Adoration & Praise

**based on Psalm 144**

### Hymn of Praise

### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

**Wesley**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!  
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!  
Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

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**Reading of the Word: *A Beautiful Inheritance*****Psalm 16**

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin***Adapted from a prayer of Martin Luther*

**O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, you have given me your Son, Jesus Christ who is much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell. Through him, you promise to take these from me, and grant me all that belongs to him ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

**The Gospel Pardon****Colossians 2:13-15**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

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### Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

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How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light, when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.*

The power that raised Him from the grave, now works in us to powerfully save.  
He frees our hearts to live His grace; go tell of His goodness.

*He's alive, He's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide. He's alive, He's alive! Now in heaven glorified.*

### Worthy Is the Lamb/Crown Him With Many Crowns

Zschech/Bridges

Thank you for the cross, Lord. Thank you for the price you paid.

Bearing all my sin and shame, in love you came and gave Amazing Grace.

Thank you for this love, Lord. Thank you for the nail-pierced hands.

Wash me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know...Your forgiveness and embrace.

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns You reign victorious!  
High and lifted up Jesus, Son of God. Sent from Heaven, crucified...worthy is the Lamb.*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne.  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

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*Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.*

Singing to the Lord

*He Walked Out*

Worship Choir

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Nathan White

**The Hope of Resurrection**  
**Romans 8:18-25** (page 944)

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

*(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please signal the pastor to let him know. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)*

**In Christ Alone**

**Townend**

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.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

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, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Song of Faith

## I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the power of sin and death,  
My only Savior before the holy Judge,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.  
I will glory in my Redeemer!

## This Week

### Monday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ Nelson home (*Luke*)

### Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (*Hebrews*)

### Tuesday 10:00-11:30am

Women's Bible Study @ DPC (*Luke*)

### Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (*1 Samuel*)

### Wednesday 1:00pm

 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

Singled Out for Christ

### Wednesday 5:00pm

Youth Choir / Soli Deo Gloria

### Wednesday 5:30pm

Church Family Meal

### Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm

Kids Choirs:

4 Year Old - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade / Kids of the King

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade / Dare 2 Declare

### Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm

DPC Youth! (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Worship Choir Practice

### Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm

Open Door Study (*Galatians*)

### Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Life Groups

### Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

4 Year Olds - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade / Kid's Quest

### Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

### Thursday 6:00pm

College Student Study @ Oliver's home (*Truths We Confess*)

### Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (*Presbyterianism*)

<sup>2</sup> Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

## Church Family Reminders

**Upcoming Guest Preachers:** Marcus Nobles (4/24).

**Officer Nominations:** We will be accepting elder & deacon nominations the entire month of April. Officer qualification study guides, reflection papers, and nomination forms are available in the foyer, along with the box in which to place your nomination. Please pray over any nomination you'd like to make and read the nomination form carefully.

**RYM Summer Conferences!** Middle school conference is June 27-July 1, cost is \$415. High school conference is July 11-16, cost is \$440. Non-refundable \$100 deposits for all students, to save your spots, are due on May 1. Balances will be due on June 5. More fundraising information will be published soon. Scholarships are available. Please see Nathan with any questions. Registration flyers have been mailed out.

**2022 Senior Recognition Sunday:** There will be a reception honoring our 2022 high school graduates immediately following worship service Sunday, May 1. Our graduating seniors this year are: Emily Grace Lyons, Amelia McMahan, Emma Montgomery, Mary Pistorius, Xiran (Alice) Shu, Brooke Smith, Erica Widell. There will be gift tables for each graduate located in the Café area, as well as cake and punch.

**DPC Short-Term Mission Trip:** You are invited to our mission in the Dominican Republic, May 31-June 7, 2022!! Check the DPC website - "short-term mission trips" - under the Ministry tab for full information. First come, first serve, limit ~25. Questions? Contact Carol Godwin, [carolg@pclnet.net](mailto:carolg@pclnet.net) or 256.227.5614.

**Table Bridal Shower:** Sunday, June 12 for Tel Schieler and Jordan (Jo) Moore. There will be a table in the gathering room for you to leave your gifts as they prepare for marriage. They are registered at [zola.com/wedding/jordanandtel/](https://zola.com/wedding/jordanandtel/).

**VBS:** Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open! Join us June 13th-16th from 5:15-8pm as we travel through the Solar System to learn about how God saves. Please fill out the link below to register your 4 years-5th grade children. There will be a \$15 registration fee due by the beginning of VBS. <https://forms.gle/hkU6vsbL4kbEyCv9A> Please contact Kristin Ladner if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering. [kristinladner@gmail.com](mailto:kristinladner@gmail.com) or (256) 345-9331

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SPRING 2022

9:30 am

**Zechariah:** Come join us as we study the book of Zechariah, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. The book of Zechariah addresses God's people who are discouraged and in need of renewal. In doing so, it provides a captivating vision of God and his work in the world, leading us into a deeper longing for God and the coming of his kingdom, which finds its realization in Christ. Please join us in this study.

**Sedona Class:** A study of 1 Peter: A Living Hope Amidst Life's Great Challenges. Using material written by Dr. Frank Barker, we will unwrap practical ways Peter's message can guide us through our dilemmas and day-to-day living. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

**Youth Sunday School:** One of the key things we want our students to know before they graduate is how to study Scripture for themselves well. This semester, our high school and middle students will be learning how to study the Bible for themselves beginning with the assumptions they have about why and how we study the Bible and going all the way through to how to faithfully examine texts from Scripture's different genres and authors, all with the goal of understanding the divine author who reveals himself to us in it.

## Session

Jeff Keith	Allen Schmidt
Mike McMahan	Greg Smith
Kent Quinn	Blake Temple
Brian Rodgers	Chip Walraven
Connor Ross	

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## Service Times

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

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