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For the glory of God, Covenant Presbyterian Church
exists to worship God and equip His people for service.

Sunday, April 20, 2025

May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us and given to us in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the Scriptures and quotes below.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude *Easter Medley* arr. Jack Schrader
Greg Hostetler, trumpet, and Katie Stuckey, piano

Choral Introit *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Jeremy J. Bankson
The Covenant Choir with Colleen Gillespie, organ

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:14

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. Romans 8:37

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.
1 John 3:8b

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He Who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. 1 Peter 4:12-13

"If we only spent more of our time in looking at Him we should soon forget ourselves." Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"God has defeated Satan through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Through this overwhelming victory, God has also empowered you to overcome any temptation to sin and has provided sufficient resources for you to respond biblically to any problem of life. By relying on God's power and being obedient to His Word, you can be an overcomer in any situation."
John Broger

"Affliction and suffering have been appointed by God as instruments He uses to make us more holy, to make us more like Jesus." Michael Beates

"We should neither court suffering nor complain about it. Instead, we should see it as one of the means God chooses to employ in order to make us increasingly useful to the Master." Alistair Begg

"He has chosen not to heal me, but to hold me. The more intense the pain, the closer His embrace. The greatest good suffering can do for me is to increase my capacity for God. Real satisfaction comes not in understanding God's motives, but in understanding His character, in trusting in His promises, and in leaning on Him and resting in Him as the Sovereign Who knows what He is doing and does all things well." Joni Eareckson Tada

"Satan is always aiming to destroy our faith; but Christ magnifies His power in weakness." John Piper

Order of Worship – April 20, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Matthew 28:1-7 (responsive reading)
Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

All: And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

All: And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus Who was crucified.'

All: 'He is not here, for He has risen, as He said.'

'Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you.'

All: He is risen! Alleluia!

***Hymn of Exaltation** No. 277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Invocation

Elder Tony Bloemsma

Affirmation of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed
Trinity Hymnal, pg. 845

***Hymn of Victory** No. 274

Thine Be the Glory

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection

I Will Rise arr. Craig Courtney

***The Reading of God's Word**

Luke 4:38-41, Philippians 3:8-11

The Message from God's Word

"Resurrection Power"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response**

In Christ Alone

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. Molly Ijames
Sarah Barfield and Rachel Yang, violin, and Katie Stuckey, piano

Response and Blessing

***Closing Hymn** No. 276

Up From the Grave He Arose

***Benediction**

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

***Choral Doxology**

Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*
by George Frideric Handel

Postlude

Toccata from *Symphony No. 5* by Charles-Marie Widor
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)