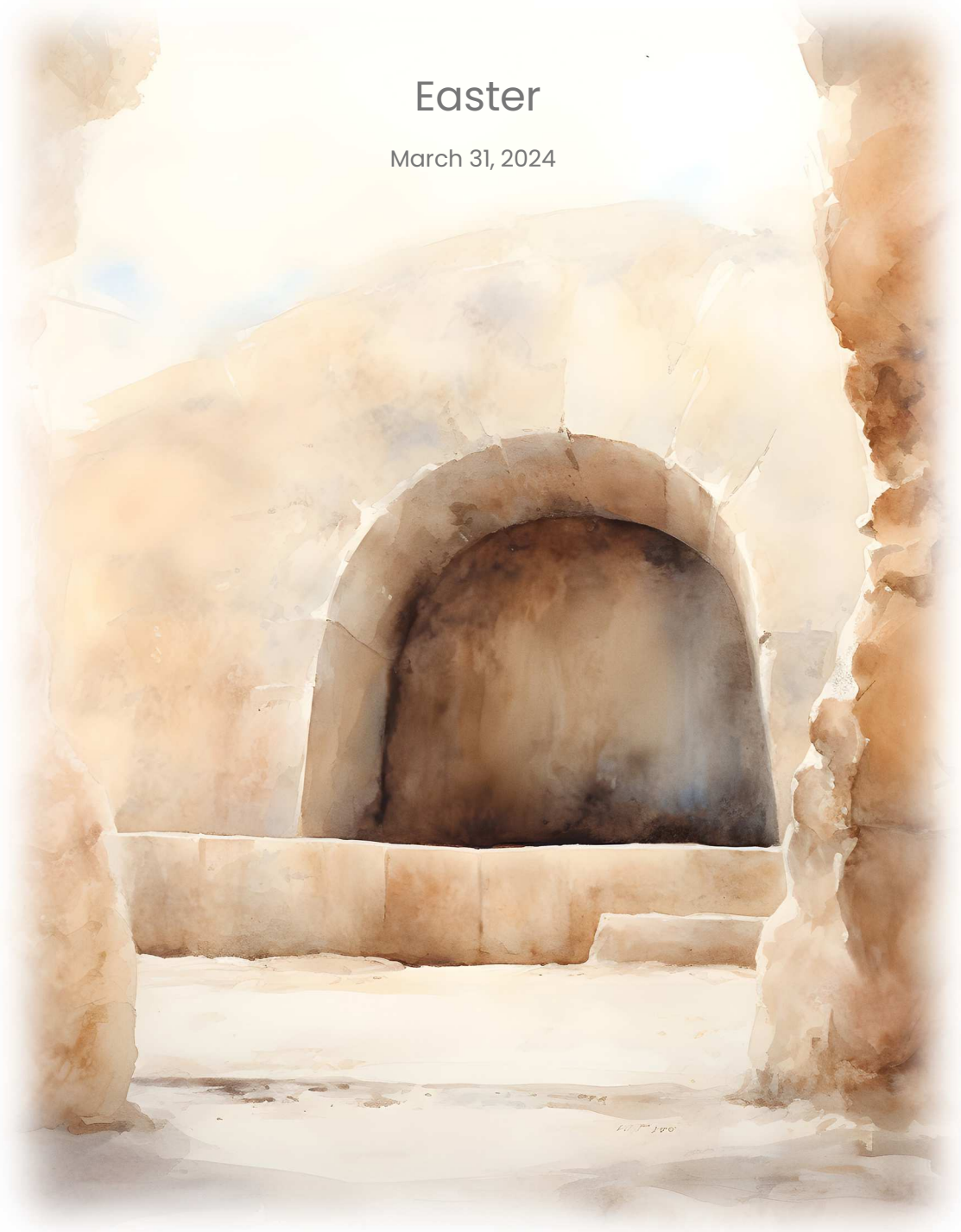


Easter

March 31, 2024



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The Resurrection Celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

This morning we conclude our Holy Week celebration of Christ's passion and resurrection entering a sanctuary filled with life.

The banners preceding the choir lead a triumphant procession of God's people restoring the sanctuary from its stripped state at the end of Maundy Thursday to a meeting house filled with glory manifesting greater beauty than was previously experienced even before Holy Week began.

Song selections throughout the service emphasize the victory and life given to us by Jesus Christ.

The diverse fauna suggests a restoration of God's people to an escalated Garden of Eden as Adam and Eve's failure has been overcome by Christ's death and resurrection.

His eternal Word once again rests at the center of our corporate experience as the Bible is returned to the pulpit.

Ministers' white stoles represent the cleansing of sin, and the lit candles which had been extinguished on Good Friday teach that in the end, darkness could not overcome the Light of the World.

** (please stand, if able)*

Prelude

The Resurrection Pronouncement

Minister: Christ our Lord is Risen! Hallelujah!

*** Processional Hymn No. 217** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" *(please stand, if able)*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens and earth reply: 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!

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!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

***Call to Worship**

Minister: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

Minister: Although we now suffer grief in all kinds of trials, we greatly rejoice.

People: Through faith we are shielded by God's power until the coming day of salvation.

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

***Prayer of Invocation, Confession, and 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 the Evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Peace Of Christ**

(you may be seated)

Welcome

Gospel Reading John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman,

why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

Minister : The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem "Lift Up Your Heads"

TGC Choir

Gospel Reading John 20:24-29

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Spirit of the Living God (*Children who would like to attend Children's Church may leave at this time*)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Sermon

"A Man of Power"

Kris Perkins

***Hymn**

“In Christ Alone”

(please stand, if able)

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,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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.

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!

Pastoral Prayer

(please be seated)

Offering/Offertory

“Crown You with Praise”

TGC Praise Band

***Congregational Song No. 37**

“Hallelujah Chorus”

(please stand, if able)

***Benediction**

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen, indeed!**

Postlude

Instrumentalists

Nicholas Jerkovich

Gail Nelson

Emily Pauline

This Week

3/31		Easter Sunday—Christ is Risen!
	-6:45 AM	Sunrise Service
	-8:30 AM	Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	-10:00 AM	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	-11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
4/1		Church Office Closed
4/2	-1:15 PM	“J” Walkers (FLC)
	-6:30 PM	Young Adults Bible Study (5006)
4/3	-4:30 PM	Wednesday Clubs
	-6:00 PM	Bible Study (206)
	-6:00 PM	Praise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	-6:30 PM	Varsity Bible Study (205)
	-7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (208)
4/4	-6:00 PM	DivorceCare (FH)
	-7:00 PM	Facilities Team (209)
4/6	-4:00 PM	Men’s Spring Tip Off (FLC)
4/7		Communion
	-9:00 AM	Intergenerational Prayer Experience (FLC)
	-10:15 AM	Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	-3:30 PM	Middle School Youth
	-5:30 PM	Varsity Youth

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Announcements

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If you are a first time guest, please scan the QR code with your phone or fill out an “I’m New” card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.



Thank you CROP Hunger Walk Participants! It was a beautiful day for a walk to help end hunger. Now it’s time to get your sponsorship donations in. Please turn your donations in to the church office (either the lock box or Jenny Shafer’s mailbox).

Intergenerational Prayer Experience – Sunday, April 7 at 9 AM in the FLC. Join us as we gather together for a dynamic encounter with different types of prayer for all ages. As we seek God’s face through art, meditation on scripture, and other activities, we hope to learn together, pray with new insights and methods, and deepen friendships.

Women’s Ministry Planning Meeting

will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 11 at the home of Laura Perkins. All women are invited as we brainstorm new and exciting ideas for women’s ministry at TGC (including a Women’s Book Club). Scan the QR code to RSVP.



Men’s Ministry Spring Tip Off Event—

Join us at 4:00 PM on April 6 for games and food as we launch our Spring Bible Study. We will have basketball, pickleball, fellowship and a cookout style menu. We will discuss Men’s Ministry at TGC as well as the upcoming Bible study which begins April 12 at 6:30 AM. Don’t miss the fun and be sure and invite others to attend. Scan the QR code to register by 4/1.



Men’s Bible Study will begin at 6:30 AM on Friday, April 12 in Room 100 studying “Kingdom Heroes” by Tony Evans. This 6-week series is based on the tremendous faith demonstrated by the people in Hebrews 11. Help grow our men’s ministry, learn more about each other and what God can do in and through the lives of men in our church and community. Coffee is provided and you will find it is a great way to start your day.

Songs of Hope—A Candlelight Concert on Saturday, April 13 at 7:00 PM in the TGC Sanctuary. Featured musicians include Hanneke Cassel (on fiddle), Dr. Lori Hicks and Scott Green.

Alpha Course—will be held Thursday evenings April 18-May 23 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Alpha is described as “an opportunity to explore the meaning of life” and will allow you to build relationships through dinners, videos and discussion while introducing seekers the basics of Christian faith (or refreshing those that just want to dig deeper). Contact Joe Bustamante for more info.



Dinner and a Show! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 28. The evening will begin at 5:00 PM with a spaghetti dinner prepared and served by our Costa Rica mission team and family. The dinner is free but the youth will happily accept your generous donations toward their trip in July. After dinner, our Wednesday Clubs program will present the musical, “A Not So Terrible Parable”. Please help us to prepare by scanning the QR code to let us know how many from your family will attend.



Sunday Clubs (9:00-10:00 am)

Infants & Preschool 3/4's—Room 210A Elementary Bible Club (5 yrs-5th grade)—Room 107

Nursery/Children's Worship

Infants-2 years—Room 210A Children 3-10 Years—Room 107

Sunday Youth

Middle & High School Sunday School—Room 206 at 9:00 AM
Middle School Youth, 3:30-5:00 PM—Varsity High School Youth 5:30-7:00 PM

Sunday Adult Discipleship Classes (9:00-10:00 am)

Classes resuming on April 14

When God is Silent, led by Garry Crites (Room 101)

We don't always talk about the times when it feels like God is silent. Where is God when we are depressed and anxious, when our family members are struggling or sick, when we are desperately trying to find a path into an uncertain future, or when the world, the nation, and (sometimes) the Church have lost their way? In this four-week course, we will study individuals in the Bible who listened for the voice of a God who seemed silent in the crises of their lives. Our goal is to realize that we need not feel ashamed in these dark nights of the soul, and to find practical steps from the Word on how to hear and follow God in these times.

John, led by Richard Draffin (Room 100)

This class will continue its study of the amazing gospel of John, the story of Jesus the messiah and son of God, written so that we "may come to believe that Jesus is messiah." The gospel begins with a prologue, which identifies Jesus as the eternal word and the light and life of the world, and moves on to the book of signs, the book of glory, and to post resurrection experiences. We see miraculous signs, long discourses, "I am" statements, high priestly prayer, and much more. John's emphasis is on Jesus himself, fully revealed to us in the incarnation. Please join us!

Fellowship Class: Sermon on the Mount led by Ray Huml & Doug Steele (Room 206)

This Fellowship class is resuming their study of John Stott's Sermon on the Mount. John Stott was known worldwide as a preacher, evangelist and communicator of Scripture. We are digging deeper into the startling and challenging message of the greatest sermon ever preached. In the tradition of the class, we value prayer and discussion in an informal setting as we study the Word together.

Tuesday Prayer (12:15-12:45 PM)

Prayer time each week in the Fellowship Hall lifting up a specific missionary team as well as one particular area of need.

Wednesday Night Bible Study (6:00-7:00 PM)

Join any time as they study the book of Exodus. Contact Pastor Molly for more info and to get on the email list. This class meets in Room 206 and via ZOOM.

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Flowers this Easter were given

In Memory of

William & Matilda Alexander by Joseph & Carol Witt

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Mr. & Mrs. Hans Anderson by Beth Canada

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Wednesday Club for Kids by Melody & Eric Rodgman

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Needs

- Christine Smith, Hillcrest, recovering from surgery/brain tumor
- Sandy Fuchs, recovering from knee replacement
- Deb Simmons, cancer
- Iva Barnes, multiple health issues
- Sharon Jacoby (Pat Rutledge's sister), ongoing issues with cancer
- Colleen Loree, chemo infusions for metastatic carcinoma of the lymph node
- Donna Monzon, bladder cancer
- Ted Meyers, Parkinson's, rehab and back pain management
- Jon Huml, Muscular Dystrophy
- Meredith Huml, Muscular Dystrophy, epilepsy & other health issues
- Carrie Alter (Peggy Anglin's cousin), chronic health problems
- Our friends and family serving in the Armed Forces
- Our co-workers in ministry around the world

In Care Facilities

Mark Bullock

Betsy Englishman

Ruth Landrum

Prayer Concerns will be removed after 30 days unless the office has been updated.