

Rock Creek Fellowship  
Easter Worship  
April 5, 2026  
9:00 AM

**Prelude Song**

**“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

**1.** Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your voice and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!  
**2.** 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!  
**3.** 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!  
**4.** 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!  
**5.** Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

**Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**He has given us new life and hope.**  
**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**  
God has claimed us as his own.  
**He has brought us out of darkness.**  
**He has made us light to the world.**  
Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

**Worship in Song**

*(Flowering of the cross)*

**“Up From the Grave”**

**1.** Low in the grave, He lay Jesus, my Savior!  
Waiting the coming day Jesus my Lord!  
**Chorus:**  
Up from the grave He arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign  
He arose! (He arose)  
He arose! (He arose)  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!  
**2.** Vainly they watch His bed Jesus, my Savior!  
Vainly they seal the dead Jesus my Lord!  
**Chorus**  
**3.** Death cannot keep his prey  
Jesus, my Savior!  
**Chorus**

**“Christ Is Risen”**

**1.** Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
We fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely you bled, for us

**CHORUS:** Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake!  
Come and rise up from the grave!  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with him again  
Come awake, come awake!  
Come and rise up from the grave!  
**2.** Beneath the weight of all our sin

**“Mighty to Save”**

**1.** Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a savior. The hope of nations  
**Chorus:**  
Savior, he can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save; He is mighty to save. Forever, author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave  
**2.** So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures; And fill my life again  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, Now I surrender

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

Shine your light and let the whole world see singing,  
For the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see singing  
For the glory of the risen King

**Chorus**

**Confession of Faith**

*(From the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45)*

**Q.** How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection**

**Worship with Tithes and Offering**

**“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”**

**1.** I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
And hung Him on that judgment tree  
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  
**2.** I will glory in my Redeemer  
My life He bought, my love He owns  
I have no longings for another  
I'm satisfied in Him alone  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me  
My feet are firm, held by His grace

You bow to none but heavens will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold you down  
In strength you reign  
Forever let your church proclaim

**CHORUS**

**3.** Oh death! Where is your sting?  
Oh hell! Where is your victory?  
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!  
The glory of God has defeated the night!  
Oh death! Where is your sting?  
Oh hell! Where is your victory?  
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!  
Our God is not dead he's alive! he's alive

**CHORUS**

My feet are firm, held by His grace

**3.** I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who carries me on eagles' wings  
He crowns my life with loving kindness  
His triumph song I'll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me, it will be paradise  
His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Matthew Bryant*

**Welcoming One Another**

**“Doxology”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

**Confession of Sin**

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

*(Offer silent prayers of confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.  
—1 Peter 1:18-21

**Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 60:4-9**

*Leigh Ann Theune*

“Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. <sup>6</sup>Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord. <sup>7</sup>All Kedar's flocks will be gathered to you the rams of Nebaioth will serve you; they will be accepted as offerings on my altar, and I will adorn my glorious temple. <sup>8</sup>“Who are these that fly along like clouds like doves to their nests? <sup>9</sup>Surely the islands look to me; in the lead are the ships of Tarshish,<sup>[a]</sup> bringing your children from afar, with their silver and gold, to the honor of the Lord your God, he Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

**All: but the Word of our God stands forever.**

**1 Corinthians 15:35-49**

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” <sup>36</sup>How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. <sup>39</sup>Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. <sup>40</sup>There are also heavenly

bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. <sup>41</sup>The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. <sup>42</sup>So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; <sup>43</sup>it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; <sup>44</sup>it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"<sup>[a]</sup>; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we<sup>[a]</sup> bear the image of the heavenly man.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** *Pastor Eric*  
*Endowed with a Death-Disturbing Heavenly Splendor*

**Closing Song**  
**"Yet Not I"**  
**1.** What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer  
 There is no more for heaven now to give  
 He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
 My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

**Refrain 1**  
 To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
 For my life is wholly bound to his  
 Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

**2.** The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
 For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
 I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
 For in my need, His power is displayed

**Refrain 2**  
 To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
 Through the deepest valley, He will lead  
 Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

**3.** No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
 The future sure, the price it has been paid  
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
 And He was raised to overthrow the grave

**Refrain 3**  
 To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
 Jesus now and ever is my plea  
 Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

**4.** With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
 For He has said that He will bring me home  
 And day by day I know He will renew me  
 Until I stand with joy before the throne

**Refrain 4 (2x)**  
 To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
 All the glory evermore to Him  
 When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

**Benediction**

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