



INTROIT *Easter Call to Worship* by Ralph L. Grosvenor

WELCOME Dr. Jay Howell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He is risen.

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

\*HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Rev. Mark Lampley

**Heavenly Father, even as we celebrate your risen Son this very morning, our hearts are already turning to forgetfulness and doubt. We stare with widened eyes into an empty tomb, and yet we choose death over the resurrection life you offer us. We hold tight to our sins even as we stumble beneath their great weight. Have mercy upon us. Thank you that you sent your beloved Son to die for us, to tenderly take our hearts in his hands and cover us in his grace. Lord, remind us of this glorious Easter reality, even as we bring our own brokenness to you.**

\*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*ACT OF PRAISE (Congregation sings.)

TRURO

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and home with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 36:26-27

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*No More Night*

by Camp Kirkland

*The timeless theme, earth and heaven will pass away. It's not a dream, God will make all things new that day. Gone is the curse from which I stumbled and fell. Evil is banished to eternal hell.*

*No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again. Praises to the great "I AM," We will live in the light of the risen Lamb!*

*See all around, now the nations bow down to sing. The only sound is the praises to Christ, our King. Slowly the names from the book are read. I know the King, there's no need to dread.*

*No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again. Praises to the great "I AM," We will live in the light of the risen Lamb!*

*See over there, it's a mansion prepared for me. Where I can live with my Savior eternally! No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again. Praises to the great "I AM," We will live in the light of the risen Lamb! Hallelujah to the risen Lamb!*

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 24:1-12; Romans 8:11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*An Idle Tale*

Dr. Jay Howell

HYMN (seated)

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

**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.**

## RESPONDING

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The 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 evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Silent Meditation and Prayer

Prayer of Commitment: **We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

\*HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection!*

LANCASHIRE

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain, His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victory strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin, let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Christ Arose*

by John Rasley

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## CALENDAR

### Sunday

6:45 A.M. - Sunrise Service (Front Lawn)

8:15 A.M. - Nursery for 8:30 Service (Room 204)

- Toddler Childcare for 8:30 Service (Room 209)

- 8:30 A.M. - In-Person Worship (Front Lawn)
- 9:30 A.M.** - Preschool Sunday School (Spitzer Main Level)
  - Kingdom Sunday School (Gathering Area)
  - Youth Sunday School (The Loft)
  - Adult Fellowship (Breakfast outdoors)
  - Foundations (Room 317)
  - Bible Explorers (Zoom)
  - Christian Growth (Zoom)
- 10:30 A.M. - Nursery for 11:00 Service (Room 204)
  - Toddler Childcare for 11:00 Service (Room 209)
- 11:00 A.M. - In-Person (Sanctuary) and Livestream Worship

### **Wednesday**

- 10:30 A.M. - Adult Bible Study (Fowler Conf. Room/Zoom)
- 5:30 P.M. - Women's 45+ Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:30 P.M. - Women's Casual Bible Study (off site)

### **Thursday**

- 8:00 A.M. - Men's Bible Study (off-site)
- 10:00 A.M. - Yoga (Patio)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP** is available at 8:30 A.M. on the Front Lawn and at 11:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary. Please refer to the Latest Information section of our website for more information and to register.

**IF YOU ARE WORSHIPING** with us as a visitor, welcome! For more information about any of our ministries, contact Pastor Mark Lampley.

### **WORSHIP**

**IN PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION** in your home, obtain some simple elements of bread or crackers and juice or water to partake when invited by pastors.

**YOUTH SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, April 11, we joyfully look forward to being led in worship by our youth and youth leaders.

#### **MUSICIAN AND SCHOLARSHIP SINGERS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP:**

Andrew Skoog, conductor and Eunsuk Jung, piano/organ; Sabreena Cherrington, Adia Evans-Ledon and Sarah-Clementine Mire, sopranos; Cornelia Lotito and Aubrey Odle, mezzo-sopranos; Adriel Baralt, Jack Francis, and Matthew Tolson, tenors; Joel Brown, Michael Roemer, and Jack Rosamond, baritones

**TODAY'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION** is adapted from an Easter confession by Becca Stanley.

### **MISSIONS AND OUTREACH**

**LOCAL MISSIONS** has a few more volunteer spots for equipping and sending members for our potential mission trip to Panajachel, Guatemala January 15-23, 2022, as a mobile medical outreach. Interested servants, medical and nonmedical, should contact Mark at [mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org) no later than April 5.

**SERENITY**, a ministry of Knox Area Rescue Ministries, is our Local Missions Focus for April. It is a residential recovery program for women seeking restoration from the effects of addiction, domestic violence, and/or homelessness. The Weekly E- News and our web site have details on specific ways to help.

**KARM DINNER:** On April 25, our church will provide the evening meal to residents at KARM. Servers are needed from 3:45 to 6:00 P.M. Email [cammyglover1605@comcast.net](mailto:cammyglover1605@comcast.net) to volunteer.

**HABITAT BLITZ DAY** for the group build for Norma Catota and her family is scheduled for Saturday, May 1. The weekly E-news has the link for the specific dates that SHPC has been asked to provide volunteers.

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**YOGA RESUMES** on Thursday, April 8, outside on the Patio, weather permitting. Classes will be held Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 A.M. The class will be canceled in the event of rain.

**COVID VACCINES:** With vaccines now offered at Kroger, Sam's, and other local pharmacies in Knoxville, [vaccinefinder.org](http://vaccinefinder.org) will locate available vaccines in different locations. Walmart and Sam's Club have a "no waste wait list" so no vaccines are thrown out. Call the pharmacy to add your name to the list.

**A NEW EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY:** If you need job information or have a job to offer, our deacons have started a new ministry of prayer and support based on a network of ideas and leads. Email your request or opportunity to [deacons@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:deacons@sequoyahchurch.org). One Deacon will read your email confidentially and respond.

### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

**HAPPY SPRING!** Join us on Sunday, May 16, for an All-Church Boxed Lunch Gathering on the front lawn from noon until 2:00 P.M. More details coming soon.

**PRAYER AND CARE UPDATES:** SHPC has a church-wide email ministry for prayer needs, praises, birth announcements, sharing of deaths, and information about upcoming memorial services. If you would like to be added to the list of those who receive these prayer updates, please email Pam Fritts at [fritts1971@gmail.com](mailto:fritts1971@gmail.com).

**WOMEN WALKING IN THE WORD** groups continue meeting, once a week for moments in the Word, and a brisk walk. If you were not a part of a group this fall but would like to join in, contact Julieanne Foy at [jcfoy@icloud.com](mailto:jcfoy@icloud.com). Groups meet at different times. The fellowship is awesome!

### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**MISSIONARIES BOB AND KRISTI RICE**, who serve in Africa, will be joining us April 11 at 9:30. You are encouraged to join. They will share how they have served in race reconciliation from a Biblical perspective. Follow Sunday link to access zoom. Sponsored by our Christian Growth and Bible Explorer classes.

**ON-SITE SUNDAY CHILDCARE:** 8:15 A.M. Nursery (Room 204), Toddler (Room 209), 10:30 A.M. Nursery (Room 204), Toddler (Room 209), Extended Session (Room 220 – limit of 10 children).

**CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULT SUNDAY IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL:** children and youth resume this morning (in addition to youth video); Adult Fellowship Easter breakfast outdoors and indoors beginning April 11; YAGO resumes April 11; Bible Explorers/Chapel Class will meet in-person and via Zoom beginning April 18; and Christian Growth and Foundations will continue via Zoom until further notice. All Sunday School classes begin at 9:30 A.M.

**CURRENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS INCLUDE** Luke's Gospel (Bible Discovery), *Words of Life* by Adam Hamilton (Adult Fellowship), 2 Peter (Christian Growth), and Prayer (Foundations). Use the link in the Sunday morning email to join a Sunday morning Zoom class to learn more about the Bible, spiritual disciples, and faith.

**LET US CONTINUE TO BE GENEROUS** as we are called and able in our financial commitments to God, as our church is resolved to maintain our commitments to our staff and mission partners as much as we are able during this crisis.

**CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, INSTAGRAM, WEBSITE, AND WEEKLY EMAIL** for the most up-to-date information.

