



**MARCH 31, 2024**  
**The Order of Worship**  
11:15 A.M.

*We worship God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is worthy of praise for who he is and what he has done as our Creator and Savior. When we worship together, God is present with us, his people, and meets with us here! Because of that, our worship takes the form of a dialogue between God and us, as he speaks to us from his word and as we respond to him. We only do what God specifically commands in the Scriptures in our worship because God said about how he is to be worshiped, "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it."*

**Prelude**

**Announcements:** Pastor Zach Siggins

**Silent Preparation**

*As the service begins, we remember that we worship God at his gracious initiative and invitation to us in Jesus Christ. Every worship service begins with God's greeting of grace and call to worship from his word, which we respond to with praise and prayer.*

**God's Greeting**

**God's Call to Worship** Luke 24:1-7

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

**Hymn:** #367 *Up from the Grave He Arose*

**Prayer for God's Blessing**

**Hymn:** #358 *Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem*

*Because we worship God together as one body, we confess our faith in unison, using a statement of faith from one of the creeds, confessions of faith, or catechisms used in the history of the church.*

**Confession of Faith (in unison):** The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father, before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation,  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*In all the parts of our worship where God speaks to us, he does so through his Word, the Scriptures. God commands, “the public reading of Scripture,” so that we may know God, what he has done for us, and what he requires of us.*

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Bible p.961)

*We respond to hearing God’s word by acknowledging our sins, both the ways we fail to do what God requires and the ways we do what he forbids, with a prayer of confession said in union. After confessing our sins, God assures us of his forgiveness and acceptance of us with a promise from his Word for those who turn from their sins in repentance and rely upon Jesus for forgiveness and acceptance with God. We respond to his grace and acts of redemption with thanks and praise in song.*

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Our Father in Heaven, thank you for raising from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness because Jesus died and was raised for us and for our salvation. And, by the power of your Holy Spirit, raise us to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** Romans 4:23-25

But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

**Hymn #265 In Christ Alone**

*Next, we come before God in prayer, to praise him, give thanks for his many blessings, ask him to provide for our needs, and to intercede for the needs of others in the church and the world.*

**Prayer for God’s People**

*God’s people have always worshiped God by giving to him from all that he gives to us. In the Old Testament, God’s people were commanded to bring offerings, which provided for the sacrifices. In the New Testament, Jesus gave himself the final sacrificial offering and Christians are called to give generously, cheerfully, and sacrificially.*

**Offering**

*At the heart of our worship service is hearing God through preaching from his Word. In the sermon, God’s Word is read, explained, and applied to our lives so that we repent, turning back to God from our sins, and renew our faith in Jesus and what he has done to deliver us from our sins. Before the sermon, we ask for the help of the Holy Spirit so that we may hear God’s word with understanding.*

**Sermon:** Pastor Zach Siggins

**Text:** John 20:1-18 (Bible p.906)

**Title:** Believing in the Resurrection

*We respond to what God has done for us in Jesus by joyfully expressing our thanks and praise in song.*

**Hymn #360 Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

**God’s Blessing**

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**Worship Leader and Preacher:** Pastor Zach Siggins

**Accompanist:** Sara Meilahn Tyson

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