

April 7, 2024

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THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are people of the twenty-first century,
far removed from the upper room.

**"Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe."**

We have put away the festive trumpets,
the fancy clothes, the chocolate bunnies of Easter Sunday.
Must the message of Easter be put away for another year?

**"Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe."**

We still seek the One who offers victory over death,
whose love conquers evil.

**"Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe."**

We gather to worship the risen Christ,
who offers us new life.

**"Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe."**

*SONG OF WORSHIP

#243 "Christ is Alive"
vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God,

we confess that at times we are skeptics.

At times we doubt that you exist

because of the evil we have seen in the world.

Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world,

and it is hard to see your love and light.

Sometimes, even those who bear your name

do not walk in your ways.

Help us to see your goodness in this world.

Help us to know your love.

Fill us with your love and goodness,

so that we might love one another,

and lift up one another in faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

*SONG OF PREPARATION

#244 "Easter Song"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 19-31

SERMON

"Truth Seeker"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God!

You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God.

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven

we worship and adore your glorious name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God almighty,

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

(Prayer continues on backside)





CHILDREN'S & YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION "Jesu, Joy of our Desiring"
*Children are invited to participate at the discretion of parents/guardians.
All communion elements are gluten free.
A station for anointing and healing is offered.*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS #809 "Doxology"
Tithes/offerings placed in the box at the entrance of the sanctuary are transferred to an offering plate and brought forward during the "Doxology" as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #492 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"
vv. 1, 2, 3, 4

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #835 "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"
vv. 1, 2

POSTLUDE

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Participating In Worship

The Congregation
Leendert van Beek
Angela Visser
Rebecca Koerselman
Rev. Dr. Verlyn Boone, Transitional Pastor

Serving the Lord in Worship
Organist
Communion Soloist
Liturgist
Leading in Worship

Sunday Morning Nursery

Located out the east doors of the sanctuary, nursery care is available 9:30–11:45 AM for children birth through 4 years old.

Where? When?

Sunday School @ ARC	10:45-11:30 AM
Children & Worship (PreK–1st Grade)	Room 106
2nd & 3rd Grade	Room 105
4th & 5th Grade	Room 103
Middle School	Room 107
High School	Room 108

Sunday Night @ ARC

Leaps of Faith **4:40–5:45 PM**
**(6th-12th grade)*

HSYG (9th–12th Grade) **6:30–8:00 PM**
**(The first Sunday of the month, the HSYG meets at various ARC members' homes for small group dinners from 6:00-7:30 PM. If you have questions about where to meet for this, reach out to Rose at rosalyncoc@gmail.com.)*

Wednesday Night @ ARC

Our Wednesday evening activities have come to an end for this school year. We will see you again for F3 and MSYG in the fall!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

SPRING 2024 (MARCH 10–APRIL 28)

All classes will be taught in person at church from 10:45 to 11:30 AM on Sundays

TRUTHINESS: FACT, FICTION, OR FEELING
Facilitator: Sara Huyser Location: Room 202

THE BIBLE AND THE LAND
Facilitator: Ben Lappenga Location: Room 201

Christ Is Alive

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

Christ is alive!
No longer bound to
distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now
And touching ev'ry place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean
ring with joy,
With justice, love, and praise.

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Easter Song

Hear the bells ringing, they're singing
That we can be born again.
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing
"Christ is risen from the dead!"

The angel up on the tombstone said,
"He is risen, just as he said!
Quickly now, go tell his disciples
That Jesus Christ is no longer dead!"

Joy to the world!
He is risen, alleluia!
He's risen, alleluia!
He's risen, alleluia!
Alleluia!

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Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring

Jesus, joy of our desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright:
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guid-
ing,
Hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock, in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure:
Theirs is wisdom's holist treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own
In the love of joys unknown.

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Doxology

Praise God from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer
and his wondrous love to me;
on the cruel cross he suffered
from the curse to set me free.

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
with his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story,
how my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy
he the ransom freely gave.

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
with his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

I will praise my dear Redeemer
his triumphant power I'll tell,
how the victory he giveth
over sin and death and hell.

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
with his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

I will sing of my Redeemer
and his heavenly love for me;
he from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God, with him to be.

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
with his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

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Saviour Again

Savior, again to your
dear name we raise
With one accord our
parting hymn of praise;
We give you thanks
before our worship cease,
And now departing,
wait your word of peace.

Grant us your peace
upon our homeward way;
With you began,
with you shall end the day;
Guard now the lips from sin,
the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called
upon your name.

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