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April 17, 2022 Worship

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Just a few notes to keep in mind:

- ◆ We are singing in person together again! So come, and sing boldly!
- ◆ The session made the decision to keep masking for worship, and masks optional for all other activities in the church building.

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: (Kelly Polson - online)

It was so early it was still dark. The birds were not yet singing.
It may as well have been midnight as she approached the tomb.

It was still dark. It made no sense. The stone had moved. The body
was gone. Confusion and fear and grief on top of grief.

It was still dark as she ran to tell Peter and the other beloved disciple.
The grave is empty, where did they put him?

After everything that happened, everything was still dark—it had been
dark for days...that she couldn't see, she didn't understand until
Jesus said "Mary!"

Jesus shows us again, in a new beginning, the light shines in the
darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Welcome to Easter

Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed.

Opening Song: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Mary Brause)

Assurance of Grace: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Illumination: (Oghomwen Amadasun)

Scripture: John 20: 1-18 (Mary Brause)

Children's Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

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Call To Offering (Kelly Polson)

Offertory Risen to Reign by Deborah Craig-Claar & Robert Sterling (Spirit of Life Choir)

Communion: Welcome to the Table (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving / Prayers of the People:

All: 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.

Holy Communion

Music During Communion: Revelation by Jennie Lee Riddle
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Communion Prayer

Closing Song: Crown Him With Many Crowns purple #268

Charge and Benediction: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Announcements

Just in ... At the April 11, 2022 session meeting, Session made the decision to go masks optional for all activities in the church building, including worship!

Attention Members: We will have an abbreviated Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, May 15.

News from the Christian Education Committee:

Children's Sunday School classes meet 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. There will be a PreK - 2nd grade class and a 3rd-5th grade class. We will bring the children back to the sanctuary for the Children's sermon at 10:15 and then the children can sit with their parents during the rest of the service.

Teachers: April 24 – Monique, May 1 – Ryan, May 8 (open), May 15 – Karen, May 22 – Ryan

“Embracing Emergence” Adult Class will resume on April 24 for the three final sessions. The class meets at 11:00 in the conference Room and is available remotely through Zoom.

Note: it may be challenging for new people to join the class at this point. For more information, contact Steve Braden at revsbb91@gmail.com.

M&M meets Wednesdays meets two more Wednesdays for this season (April 20th & 27th)

- 4:30 to 6 pm for K-5th grade
- 6:30 to 7:30 pm for 6th through high school
- Meal for all ages at 6 pm

Join us through Zoom at Meet in the Middle Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6124529465>

We will be having a youth group fundraising **Cabaret on May 7**. See a youth group member for tickets! Silent auction donations needed include: **Handmade items**: craft items, knitting, crocheting, painting, photography, woodworking OR **New Items**: gift cards, baskets, memorabilia. **Deadline for donations is 4/21/22**. Auction will run **online only** 4/30/22 at 12pm thru 5/7/22 at 6pm. Contact Becky Brandt with donation offers or questions: thebrandtfam@gmail.com or 218-779-0427.

Are you creative? Enjoy a little competition? Maybe you would enjoy participating in the **T shirt design contest for the South of the River CROP Hunger Walk**. Pick up an information brochure I the foyer and learn all about it.

Membership Class: Pastor Rob is leading the New Member class that meets at 11:15am on Sundays, May 1 and 8, here at the church. The class will be offered in person (but available online for those unable to attend in person). We'll be receiving the new members in worship on Sunday, May 15. Please RSVP to the church office at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org so we may be prepared for you to participate!

From Community Service: It's time for an **outdoor clean-up** —

clearing out the flower beds and picking up sticks and branches, so a great family activity! The date is Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary with your name and email or cell phone number, so you can be notified of any change in plans due to weather. It would also be helpful to know how many people to expect, so work projects can be planned accordingly. You can also email Denise Lewis directly, if you want to participate: dlewis9476@comcast.net.

GriefShare Program Thursdays at 6:30 pm, at Spirit of Life Church: This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines.

Too often people, including Christians, tend to bury their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Please contact Bob Shepard or Jacqui Hicks for more information or to sign up.

Coffee and Conversation Mondays, from 9:20 am to 11:00 am. Great opportunity to meet with Pastor Rob and others. Come as you are. This is a gathering online and in person. It is open for you to pop in and out any time so feel free to drop in and say hello. *Note, same time and same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>

From Community Service: Keep in mind the Little Free Food Pantry (located at the entrance of the driveway) Please consider donating: canned, bottled, boxed, or dried foodstuffs, dried beans, rice, oatmeal, cereal, etc. And, remember the motto of the Little Free Food Pantry movement: *Take what you need, leave what you can.*

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