

John 20:1–18

¹² Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

We Worship the Lord Together

Praise the LORD in Scripture

Matthew 28, Luke 24, 1 Corinthians 15

- Leader Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Christ is risen!
- Congregation He is risen indeed!**
- Leader Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day. Christ is risen!
- Congregation He is risen indeed!**
- Leader Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? Christ is risen!
- Congregation Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Praise the LORD in Song

Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed

How can it be the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death
Sing sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands their Friend and King
Christ Christ He is risen

CHORUS

Christ is risen He is risen indeed
Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen
Yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life life everlasting

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness

He's alive He's alive
Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive He's alive
Now in heaven glorified

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Pastoral Prayer

Praise the LORD for our Children

Children's Lesson

Praise the LORD in Giving

Offering

We Are Built Up Together

Scripture Reading & Sermon

John 20:1–18

Praise the LORD in Song

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone

Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts

My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name
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Respond through Declaring our Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up to glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

1 Cor. 15:43; Matt. 25:23; Matt. 10:32; 1 John 3:2; 1 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thess. 4:17-18.

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You have raised Your Son from the dead and defeated sin, yet we confess that we still live as though sin rules us. We doubt Your promises, fear what You have conquered, and return to the sins from which Christ died to set us free. By Your power, raise us from our sin, that we may live in the truth of the resurrection. Fix our eyes on the risen Christ, that we may live as those who truly believe that Christ is risen, indeed. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where He lay." All who are in Christ are forgiven and will live with Him forever!

Receive the LORD's Supper

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin

Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God

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Receive the Benediction

Announcements:

1. Join us next Sunday, April 12, for a congregational meeting and picnic at Barfield Park. Immediately following the worship service, the elders are calling a meeting to share the 2026–2027 vision and budget. Afterward, we will enjoy a time of fellowship together at the park.
2. Sunday school will start back on Sunday April 19. Make plans to connect and grow with us!

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Monthly Financial Update

*Q1 2026 only—new fiscal year begins April 1, 2026
 Giving through March 1, 2026*

Anticipated Giving TYD	\$32,109.00
Actual Giving YTD	\$34,109.00
Difference YTD	\$2,812.00

Operations—2025 Annual Budget \$195,327

Current Operations Reserve*	\$92,466
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*Reserve = funds over and above 2.5 months of budgeted operating expenses

Defined Savings

Building Fund	\$81,180
Other Defined Savings	\$14,428



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