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# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

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April 12, 2026

## Reflection

God's Word helps us see that doubt is common in God's people, and it also grants us the grace to walk consistently with him through the ups and downs of our faith. -Shelby Abbott

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

**Acts 2:23-25**

This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

## \*Invocation

## \*Hymn of Praise

**Up from the Grave He Arose**, Hymn #276

Low in the grave he lay—Jesus, my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day—Jesus, my Lord.

REFRAIN: Up from the grave he arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed—Jesus, my Savior;  
Vainly they seal the dead—Jesus, my Lord.

Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus, my Savior;  
He tore the bars away—Jesus, my Lord.

## Confession of Sin

**Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

**Colossians 2:13-14**

You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

## \*Song of Assurance

### **Nailed to the Cross**

When I stand accused by my regrets  
And the Devil roars his empty threats  
I will preach the gospel to myself  
That I am not a man condemned  
For Jesus Christ is my defence

CHORUS 1: My sin is nailed to the cross  
My soul is healed by the scars  
The weight of guilt I bear no more  
Praise the Lord (oh) praise the Lord

When my doubt and shame hang over me  
Like the arrows of the enemy  
I will run again to Calvary  
That rugged hill of Hell's defeat  
My fortress and my victory

CHORUS 2: My sin is nailed to the cross  
My soul is healed by the scars  
Now I'm alive forevermore  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

BRIDGE: It is finished, sin is vanquished  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord, all the glory, all the honour  
To my Saviour, Christ the Lord

When I stand before the throne at last  
His blood will plead my innocence  
I will worship him with holy hands  
And raise the song that never ends  
Of Jesus Christ my righteousness

ENDING: Oh praise the Lord, praise the Lord

## Congregational Prayer

## Tithes and Offerings

*\*You may also give at [clemsonpres.org/give](http://clemsonpres.org/give)*

*\*K5-1<sup>st</sup> Grade are invited to Engage.*

### **O Help My Unbelief**

How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains!  
And Satan binds our captive minds fast in his slavish chains  
But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, sounds from the sacred word:  
"O, ye despairing sinners come, and trust upon the Lord."

My soul obeys th' almighty call, and runs to this relief  
I would believe thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief!  
To the dear fountain of thy blood, incarnate God, I fly;  
Here let me wash my spotted soul, from crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out thine arm, victorious King, my reigning sins subdue;  
Drive the old dragon from his seat, with all his hellish crew.  
A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, on thy kind arms I fall;  
Be thou my strength and righteousness, my Jesus, and my all.  
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## Reading of Scripture

**John 20:24-31**

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## Sermon

*Jesus and Our Doubts*

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be one with God and to be sent by him for the salvation of sinners. If what you claim is true, and what you have done matters, then open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is real, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved so that I might be in union with Jesus. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Words of Institution and Prayer

## Sharing of the Bread

### **At The Cross (Love Ran Red)**

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies  
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

CHORUS: At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of you, I'm in awe of you  
Where your love ran red, and my sin washed white  
I owe all to you, I owe all to you, Jesus

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless  
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

BRIDGE: Here my hope is found, here on holy ground  
Here I bow down, here I bow down, here arms open wide  
Here you saved my life, here I bow down here I bow (down)

## Passing of the Cup

## \*Song of Response

### **Gospel Doxology**

Your perfect Law exposes me. I feel my sin and desperate need.  
My best good works are powerless to satisfy your righteousness.

But there is One who lived for me: his life, my only victory.  
His death forever sealed in time that I am his and he is mine!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise him all creatures here below!  
Praise him above ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

## \*Benediction

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# Sermon

*Jesus and Our Doubts*

**John 20:24-31**

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## Welcome Lunch | April 19 | 12-1:30pm

[clemsonpres.org/new](http://clemsonpres.org/new)

Are you new to Clemson Pres? We'd love to host you for lunch next Sunday after church! Hosted by staff and a few members of Clemson Pres, come meet other new to CPC folks in the Fellowship Hall for an informal lunch. This is a great way to get to know us and for us to get to know you. We'll give you a short introduction to the church as well. You're welcome to just show up, but if you know you're coming, tell us at the link above.

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## Membership Class | begins Sunday, April 19 | 9am

Are you considering joining Clemson Pres or looking to learn more about who we are and what we believe? If so, the next membership class is a great option for you. It meets for five Sundays during the Sunday School hour. Pastor Bryan and Reid will walk you through our values, beliefs, and what church membership means.

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## Clemson Community Care Food Drive | through April 19

Next Sunday is the last day to drop food off for Clemson Community Care. Stop in the lobby to pick up a bag to fill for Clemson Community Care (CCC). Drop the bag off at the same table and we'll take it to CCC. If you'd prefer to shop CCC's Amazon wish list, scan the QR code in the lobby.

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## Two Sunday Services starting August 16

**8:30 Worship Service | 10am Sunday School | 11am Worship Service**

[clemsonpres.org/sundayvolunteers](http://clemsonpres.org/sundayvolunteers)

By God's grace, the church has been growing and we now have the opportunity to continue to make room for more people. Beginning on August 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have two worship services. Mark your calendars and begin praying about how you can plug in and serve.

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**Get Connected:** Want to know what's coming up? Go to [clemsonpres.org/calendar](http://clemsonpres.org/calendar) or open the CPC app and click "calendar" in the bottom menu!

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**Gospel Doxology** Zac Hicks and Julie Anne Vargas, 2014