

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday

## Reflection

The resurrection of Jesus Christ carries with it the promise that God will defeat what you can't defeat. -Paul Tripp

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Matthew 28:5-7

But 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. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you."

## \*Invocation

## \*Song of Praise

### ***It Was Finished Upon That Cross***

How I love the voice of Jesus  
On the Cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished  
He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining  
Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil  
It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken  
Jesus paid the price for me  
Full the pardon He has offered  
Great the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father  
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry  
It was finished upon that Cross

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Yes He rose that we would be free indeed  
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness  
Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen  
It was finished upon that Cross

ENDING: Onward to eternal glory  
To my Savior and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory  
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## Confession of Sin

***Our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have led us into the light. We thank you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life. We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call, but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose. But, O Father, the grave clothes bind us still. Old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we are helpless to live the new life that Christ calls us to live. Give us strength, O Father, to break the bonds; give us courage to live a new life in you; give us faith to believe that with your help we cannot fail. All this we ask in the name of the Savior who has taught us to come to you. Amen.***

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

Romans 6:9-11

## \*Song of Assurance

### ***Because He Lives (Amen)***

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome by the power of his blood

CHORUS: Amen, amen  
I'm alive I'm alive because he lives, amen, amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends, because he lives

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name, he rolled the stone away

BRIDGE: Because he lives I can face tomorrow  
Because he lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know he holds my life, my future in his hand

## 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.

### ***Nothing but the Blood of Jesus***

## Reading of Scripture

Acts 2:22-41

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## Sermon

*God Raised Him Up*

## \*Song of Response

### ***It Is Finished***

Once and for all, once and for all, you offered up your life  
For one and all, for one and all, the perfect sacrifice

Atoning blood was shed.  
Love conquered when you said,

CHORUS 1: It is finished. It is done.

To the world salvation comes  
Hallelujah we're alive, hell was silenced when you cried,  
It is finished. It is finished.

Who is this King, who is this King, so mighty and so strong  
He is the One, he is the One the earth has waited for  
God's remedy for sin, with mercy for all men

BRIDGE: The earth shook and trembled, the sun bowed its head  
The veil of the temple was opened for man  
As Jesus went down in the cold of the grave  
Defeated the darkness when he overcame  
The keys of the kingdom were placed into hands  
Of children and priests and of fishers of men  
Through all generations his voice will be heard  
Creation resounds the victorious words (CHORUS 1)

FINAL CHORUS: It is finished. It is done.  
Now completed the work of love Hallelujah he's alive,  
Join the song of the ransomed Bride  
It is finished. It is finished. It is finished!

## ***Easter Festival***

(congregation joins with choir)  
Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia  
Foll'wing our exalted head, alleluia  
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

## \*Benediction

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***Because He Lives*** Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither, Jason Ingram,  
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***Nothing but the Blood of Jesus*** Arr. by Craig Courtney

***It Is Finished*** Jennie Lee Riddle and Matt Papa © 2010 Jennie Lee Riddle Music

***Easter Festival*** Charles Wesley, alt.; Michael S. Bryson

\*We are truly grateful to our guest musicians, Danielle Martin, Katie Ritchie, Levi Tennant, Kirk Cavender and Sara Glogowski

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# Acts

God Raised Him Up  
**Acts 2:22-41**

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## **Welcome Lunch | April 19 | 12-1:30pm** **[clemsonpres.org/new](https://clemsonpres.org/new)**

Are you new to Clemson Pres? We'd love to host you for lunch! Hosted by staff and a few members of Clemson Pres, come meet other new to CPC folks in the Fellowship Hall after the service 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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## **Vacation Bible School (VBS) & Preschool Bible Camp (PBC)**

**June 8-11 | 9:30-11:30am**

We're already looking forward to VBS & PBC and would love for your kids to join in!

**VBS** is for kids K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade. These kids will spend the morning making art, playing games, singing, and learning about how God Makes All Things New. Learn more and register a child at [clemsonpres.org/vbs](https://clemsonpres.org/vbs).

**PBC** is for kids 3-5 (must have turned 3 by September 1, 2025). These kids will learn about the Gospel through Colors. Planned specifically for preschoolers, kids will sing, learn, play, and craft. Learn more and sign up at [clemsonpres.org/pbc](https://clemsonpres.org/pbc).

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## **Clemson Community Care Food Drive | March 15-April 19**

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](https://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 18<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](https://clemsonpres.org/calendar) or open the CPC app and click "calendar" in the bottom menu!

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