

## Worship Service for April 5, 2026

### Easter Sunday

Easter Proclamation and Welcome.....Pastor Theresa

He is Risen!

**He is Risen Indeed!**

#### **Prelude** ~ Living Hope

##### Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us.  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness,  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished. The end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope;

##### Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory,  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken. I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope;

##### Chorus 2x

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain.  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope;

##### Verse 3 2x

Then came the morning, that sealed the promise.  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion,  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.

Jesus, Yours is the victory!

##### Chorus 2x

Jesus Christ, my living hope;  
Oh God, You are my living hope.

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Everyone is invited to come and place a flower in the Easter cross in honor of Christ's Resurrection as we sing together.

Hallelujah (Easter version).

##### Verse 1

A crown of thorns placed on His head.  
He knew that He would soon be dead.  
He said, did you forget me?  
Father did you?  
They nailed Him to a wooden cross:  
Soon all the world would feel the loss.  
Of Christ the King before us, Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

##### Verse 2

He hung His head and prepared to die.

Then lifted His face, up to the sky.  
Said I am coming home now,  
Father to you,  
A reed, which held His final sip,  
Was gently lifted to His lips.  
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Verse 3

The soldier who had used his sword,  
To pierce the body of our Lord.  
Said truly this was Jesus Christ our Savior.  
He looked with fear upon his sword:  
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord:  
Fell to his knees, crying, Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Verse 4

Took from His head, the thorny crown,  
And wrapped Him in a linen gown.  
And laid Him down to rest,  
inside the tomb.  
The holes in His hands, His feet and side:  
Now in our hearts, we know He died,  
To save us from ourselves oh Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Verse 5

Three days went by, again they came,  
To move the stone to bless the slain,  
With oil and spice anointing. Hallelujah!  
But as they went to move the stone:  
They saw that they were not alone:  
But Jesus Christ has risen! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

**Call to Worship** ~ Based on Revelation 15

Great and marvelous are your works,  
Lord God Almighty!  
**Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations.**

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name?  
**You alone are holy.**

All the earth will come and worship before you,  
**for your righteous deeds have been revealed  
for all to see.**

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**

**Hymn** - #286 Blue Hymnal - This is the day

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,  
That the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be  
glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

**Prayer Time** ~

**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**

**Hymn - "Christ Arose!" (#224 in the blue hymnal)**

Verse 1

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!

Verse 2

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (Refrain)

Verse 3

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord. (Refrain)

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**Intro to sermon** - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Scripture text - Psalm 118:24; Isaiah 51:10; John 20:11-18;  
Philippians 4:4

**Ps 118:24** This day belongs to the Lord! Let's celebrate and be glad today.

**Is 51:10** Didn't you dry up the deep sea and make a road for your people to follow safely across?

**John 20:11-18** Mary Magdalene stood crying outside the tomb. She was still weeping, when she stooped down and saw two angels inside. They were dressed in white and were sitting where Jesus' body had been. One was at the head and the other was at the foot. The angels asked Mary, "Why are you crying?"

She answered, "They have taken away my Lord's body! I don't know where they have put him."

As soon as Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she did not know who he was. Jesus asked her, "Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

She thought he was the gardener and said, "Sir, if you have taken his body away, please tell me, so I can go and get him."

Then Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to him, "Rabboni." The Aramaic word "Rabboni" means "Teacher."

Jesus told her, "Don't hold on to me! I have not yet gone to the Father. But tell my disciples I am going to the one who is my Father and my God, as well as your Father and your God." Mary Magdalene then went and told the disciples she had seen the Lord. She also told them what he had said to her.

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

**Sermon** - "Let Joy Reign!" - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Doxology

Praise God for whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hold.  
Praise, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

### Communion

**Hymn** - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" (#216 in the blue hymnal) v1-3

#### Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

#### *Verse 2*

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

#### *Verse 3*

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

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### **Benediction** -

Love boldly!  
Serve joyfully!  
Live courageously!  
Go in peace!  
Amen!

## **Announcements**

Thanks:

- To all who donated to the Ennis family.
- To all who participated in Maundy Thursday.
- To Mary & Martha for decorating the cross.
- To Peggy Brocket for providing the flowers for the cross.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Monday 2PM:** Uplift Cancer Support Group at Linda H's home

**Tuesday 7PM** via Zoom: Prayer group/book study; we will be studying ch 13 & 14 of "What Happens Next" by Max Lucado

**Wednesday 4pm:** Preservation meeting at FBC.

5pm: CLC meeting at FBC

**Friday-Saturday:** ABC/VNH Annual gathering

Happy Birthday to:

Cathy Comar on Monday

