

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER! We welcome all who are visiting with us this morning. We are delighted to have you with us. Please fill out one of our visitor cards so that we can get to know you. If you have any questions about COTR, feel free to ask one of our elders, our ministers, or members. We're glad you're here!

Today–HAPPY EASTER! Christ is risen! May the Lord grant you a blessed and joyous celebration of our Savior's resurrection and triumph over sin, death, and hell, securing the restoration of all things and eternal glory! Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

NO HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: We will not have our hospitality meal today but will resume next Sunday, Lord willing.

NO EVENING WORSHIP: We will not be having our evening service this evening.

Friday–RENEWAL CENTER LUNCH: We will again be serving lunch at the renewal center this coming Friday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to help prepare the food, please contact Jackie by calling the church office or through Realm.

FLANNERY O'CONNOR DATE NIGHT: Pastor Steve will be leading a study of Flannery O'Connor's short stories on the second and fourth Friday nights of each month (unless there is a conflict with other events). This study is for adults, singles and/or couples, who want to have a good time of fellowship and discussion of the short stories of Flannery O'Connor. We'll begin this Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Adam and Charity Jones, 2722 Point Dr., with an introduction to Flannery and her work. Everyone is welcome, so plan to come if you're able!

Saturday–MONROE SYMPHONY CONCERT FEATURING THE DYC: The Monroe Symphony will hold its Spring concert, conducted by John Hodges, here at COTR, this coming Saturday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. The concert will feature our 2nd-6th grade Delta Youth Chorale singers. Make plans to come!

GENERAL:

NEW ASSISTANT PASTOR: The Session is pleased to announce that we have issued a call to Mr. Zachary Parker to become our Assistant Pastor. Zach has served with great faithfulness over the past weeks and months and we rejoice that he is willing to continue to serve COTR in this capacity. Please pray for Zach as he prepares for and undergoes his ordination exam before our presbytery on the 25th and that the Lord will bless him, Sam, and the children as he begins this new season of service here at COTR.

UPCOMING:

MEN'S BOOK STUDY: The bi-monthly Men's Book Study will meet on Monday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. The book being studied is *The Justice Primer* by Randy Booth and Doug Wilson.

HOW TO SING THE PSALMS: Paul Buckley and Brian Moats from the Theopolis Institute will lead a "How to Sing the Psalms" course, Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, here at COTR. You can register online, so do so today!

AD HOC MEETING OF WYCLIFFE PRESBYTERY: There will be an ad hoc meeting of Wycliffe Presbytery on Tuesday, April 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m. here at COTR. The primary purpose of this meeting is to give an ordination exam to Zach Parker, whom our session has called to become our new Assistant Pastor. Please pray for Zach, the examining committee, and all who attend that all will go well and that the Lord will be glorified.

CALENDAR

- April 9 – Easter Sunday
No evening service
14 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Flannery O'Connor Date Night, 7:00 p.m. at the Jones' home (2722 Point Drive)
15 – Delta Youth Chorale/Monroe Symphony Concert, 7:00 p.m.
17 – Men's book study, 7:00 p.m.
21-22 – "How to Sing the Psalms" course, Theopolis Institute
25 – Ad Hoc meeting of Wycliffe Presbytery, 9:00 a.m. at COTR
- May 1 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
5 – First Friday Young Adult fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
7 – Spring Parish-wide fellowship meetings
No evening service
12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza supper afterwards
15 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
26 – Flannery O'Connor Date Night, 7:00 p.m. at the Vaughns
28 – Pentecost Sunday
Pentecost feast, 4:00 p.m.
No evening service
- June 2 – First Friday Young Adult fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
4 – Trinity Sunday
5 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
9 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Flannery O'Connor Date Night, 7:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Savannah Riley, Joanna Gunter
Floater: Emmalyne Eley

Toddler: AM: Kaitlyn Rockett, Amy Booth
Floater: Parker Hanson

NEXT WEEK:

Baylee Parker, Elisabeth Brown
Maggie Myers

Julian Ferrington, David Dlugosh
Henry Booth

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2023

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

MINISTER: “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us worship God.”

† HYMN (insert) *“Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

† SALUTATION:

Minister: “Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.”

Cong: “And with your spirit”

Minister: “Christ is Risen!”

Cong: “He is risen indeed!”

Minister: “He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

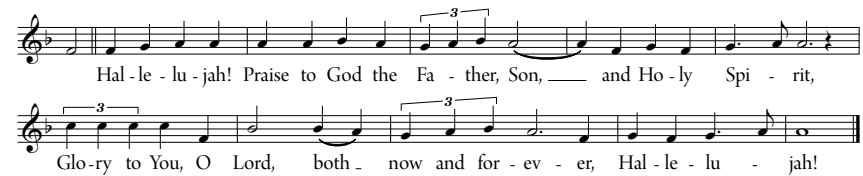
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty God, who has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ; we confess that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises, nor heeded Your Word. We have forgotten the glad tidings of our Savior’s victory over death and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. Forgive us and cleanse us from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Minister: “Arise and hear the good news of God’s forgiveness: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

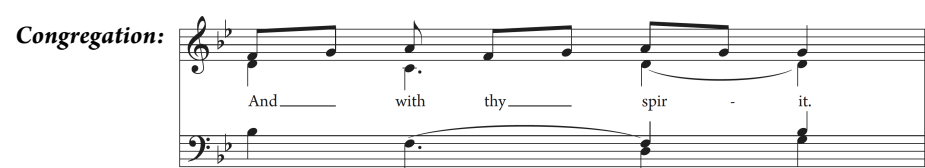
† OPENING ACCLAMATION:



Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation: 

And with thy spir-it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: 

We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Congregation: 

It is meet and right so to do.

Minister: “It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee. O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God: Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:”

†The Congregation will please stand

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #4 (SH) *“Gloria in Excelsis”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Exodus 14:10-15:1

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 16

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #92 (SH) *“Hail Thee Festival Day”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Death’s Demise”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #205

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

(the congregation will sing this hymn)

† DOXOLOGY

(We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God)

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†The Congregation will please stand

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

HYMN #201

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

† THE LORD’S PRAYER: page ix (SH)

† NICENE CREED:

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER:

Words of Institution

Thanksgiving for the Bread

Communion Hymn #95 (SH) *“Ye Sons and Daughters of the King”*

Thanksgiving for the Wine

Passing the peace of Christ

Minister: “The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” **Amen.**

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

† HYMN #5 (SH)

“Nunc Dimittis”

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

†The Congregation will please stand