



# Faith

Community Church

April 18, 2021

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**His love endures forever.**

In our anguish we cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting us free. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**His love endures forever.**

The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**His love endures forever.**

We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**His love endures forever.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### \*OPENING SONG - "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne.  
While heaven's eternal anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died to be,  
Your Savior and your matchless king  
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
Triumphant o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious from the strife  
For those he came to save;  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and reigns on high,  
He died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace;  
His kingdom is at hand.  
From pole to pole let warfare cease  
And Christ rule every land!  
All hail, Redeemer, hail,  
For you have died for me.  
Your praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found:

**God forgive.**

When we wash our hands of responsibility:

**God forgive.**

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver:

**God forgive.**

When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

**God forgive.**

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

**Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### **SONG- "Christ Is Risen"**

Christ is risen from the dead	Oh death! Where is your sting?	Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death	Oh hell! Where is your victory?	Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake!	Oh Church! Come stand in the light!	Come awake, come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave!	The glory of God has defeated the night!	Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead	Singing oh death! Where is your sting?	Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with him again	Oh hell! Where is your victory?	We are one with him again
Come awake, come awake!	Oh Church! Come stand in the light!	Come awake, come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave!	Our God is not dead, he's alive! He's alive!	Come and rise up from the grave

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **OFFERING**

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **DECLARATION OF FAITH- Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 16**

40. Q. Why did Christ have to suffer death?

**A. Because God's justice and truth require it: nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the Son of God.**

41. Q. Why was he "buried"?

**A. His burial testifies that he really died.**

42. Q. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

**A. Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.**

43. Q. What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

**A. By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.**

44. Q. Why does the creed add, "He descended to hell"?

**A. To assure me during attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment.**

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION- "How Deep The Father's Love For Us"**

How deep the Father's love for us?  
How vast beyond all measure?  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss?  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

**SCRIPTURE- Luke 24: 13-35**

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." <sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

## **SERMON – “Hope Along The Way”**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE- “I Serve A Risen Savior”**

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today  
I know that He is living, whatever people say  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need Him He's always near  
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing will come at last  
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*DOXOLOGY- “I Serve A Risen Savior”**

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find  
None other is so loving, so good and kind  
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.