



Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:8-11

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 16, 2006

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

## *The Christian Year: Resurrection Sunday*

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.

### Service of Friendship

Welcome to Park Cities Presbyterian Church! Please take a moment to greet worshippers who are sitting near you and register your attendance using the blue pads which are located at the left-hand side of each pew.

### Preparation for Worship

"Choral"

Jongen

### \*Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: Jesus said, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore and I have the keys of death and hades."

Choir: Praise the LORD from the heavens. Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

**People:** *(with a great voice)* **Christ is risen!**

Minister: Christ is risen!

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!** *(louder)* **Alleluia!**  
*(louder still)* **Alleluia!**

### \*Resurrection Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN  
text: Charles Wesley, 1739

**\*Prayer of Adoration** concluding with

O GOD OF MY EXODUS, great was the joy of Israel's sons when Egypt died upon the shore, far greater the joy when my Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust. Jesus strides forth as the Victor, Conqueror of death, hell and all opposing might. You burst the bands of death, trampled the powers of darkness down and live forever. You, my gracious Redeemer, apprehended for payment of my debt, came forth from the prison house of the grave, free and triumphant over sin, Satan and death. In You I died, in You I rose, in Your life I live, in Your victory I triumph, in Your ascension I shall be glorified for Your Name's sake. Amen!

**\*Hymn of Praise** "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord" *ALLELUIA NO.1*  
text: Donald Fishel, 1971

*Please be seated.*

## Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, I marvel that You purposed to become flesh so that You might be crucified, dead, and buried for me. The tomb calls forth my adoring wonder, for it is empty and You are risen! Grant me to die with You that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world; that I might not hear the voice of the charmer, and might be delivered from his lusts. Purge me from selfishness, pride, the fear of man, the desire to be cultivated or modern. Grant me to stand with my dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, to be willing to hold to unpopular truths. Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

## Private Confession

### Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel

Righteousness will be counted to us who believe in Him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 4.24-5.1

### Prayer for Christ's Church and the World and Offertory Prayer

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
Dr. Pete Deison 9:30  
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 11:00

## Musical Offering

Minister: The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts." Psalm 118.14-16

Choir: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing!

People: **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death.** Psalm 118.17-18

Choir: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing!

People: **I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Choir: Blessing, and honor, and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb forever!

People: *(Please sing when so directed)*

Choir: Amen.

**Sacrament of Baptism** 9:30 and 11:00

9:30

Lisle Ann Duvall  
Charles Christian Hanson  
Margaret Harper Koenig  
Abigail Ryanne Ruble  
Logan Tod Ruble

11:00

Audrey Camille Box  
Dalton Cloyce Box  
William Brandon Eggar  
Kate Eloise Moxley

**Prayer for the Families**

Mr. David Newman 9:30  
Mr. Lafferty 11:00

**\*Easter Greeting of Peace**

Minister: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Christ Himself is our peace. He is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

**\*Scripture Reading**

Luke 24.1-12

Mr. Glenn Graham 8:30  
Mr. Tommy Bain 9:30  
Mr. Harry Hargrave 11:00  
*Elders*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**The Morning Sermon**

"An Idle Tale"

Dr. Ryan

*... but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.*

Luke 24.11

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*DIADEMATA*

text: Matthew Bridges, 1851

**\*An Easter Blessing**

Minister: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

**People: To Him who loves us, and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to serve His God the Father—to Him be glory and power forever and ever.**

Choir: He is the First and the Last. He is the Living One. He was dead, but behold, He is alive forever and ever!

Minister: Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**\*Choral Ascription**

"Hallelujah Chorus"

*G. F. Handel*

**Closing Voluntary**

"Toccata from Symphony No. 5"  
Mr. Howland, *Organ*

*Widor*

## Personal Prayer and Counsel

*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality." Romans 12.10, 12, 13*

**We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the Parlor (north of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.**

*Welcome Visitors! Do you have a question about our church? Our Welcome Team of ushers and greeters are here to help you. Team members are identified by the blue "Welcome" ribbons on their nametag. We encourage you to stop by our Information Center, located in the south hallway adjacent to the Sanctuary, where you will find literature and friendly faces to help you get to know our church family. If you have additional questions, please call 214.224.2744 or 214.224.2736 during office hours, and we will be happy to respond to you as quickly as possible.*

*The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Cortelyou and in celebration of the Risen Christ by Bill Corelyou, Pam and Bill Cortelyou, Susan, Randy, Ann, Margaret and Katherine Ray.*

*\* The Congregation stands.*

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## The Witness of Scripture Concerning Christ's Resurrection

### *Exodus 15:1-6*

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. The Lord is a Han of war; the Lord is His name. "Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

### *1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all his enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory?"

O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

