



Clemmons Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday 10:45 am Worship Service

April 1, 2018

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

As the candles are lighted, and the chimes begin, let us focus our hearts on the worship of the most Holy God.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C

Bach

We Gather Around The Word,

*CALL TO WORSHIP

William Hoyle

Leader: The stone is rolled away.

People: Christ is Risen!

Leader: The shroud is moved.

People: Christ is Risen!

Leader: The tomb is empty.

People: Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!

*HYMN #232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Patrick McElwaine

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace in your world, and in our relationships.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*HYMN #246 verse 1

Christ Is Alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

to Hear God's Word,

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lector: Jane Brookshire

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible OT, page 613, Red Bible page 639

ANTHEM

Suite III: Promise

Benjamin Harlan

*Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.*

*All around the clouds are breaking,
Soon the storms of time shall cease.
In God's likeness we, awaking,
Know the everlasting peace.*

*Life eternal! Heaven rejoices;
Jesus lives, Who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices;
Child of God, lift up your Head!*

*God has promised, Christ prepares it,
There on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.*

*Praise my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet
thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore
His praises sing.
Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!*

*Angels in the height, adore Him, ye behold
Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him, gathered
in from every race.
Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

*Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, "Alleluia!"
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens, and earth, reply, "Alleluia!"*

*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!*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

Pew Bible NT, page 108, Red Bible page 988

Leader: This is Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

*HYMN #238

Thine Is the Glory

SERMON

"Mine and Yours"

William Hoyle

to Respond to the Word,

* INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation of New Members: David and Sherry Kolbe
Questions to the Congregation

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

People: I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic** church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

(**universal)

Welcome: The people respond, saying:

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors, Hymnal p. 35)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS AND THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Everyone is encouraged to sign, date, and pass the pew pad down your row, noting your neighbors upon its return.

OFFERTORY *The Gift of Love* arr. Hopson

*DOXOLOGY #606 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

and to be Sent with the Word.

*HYMN #233 *The Day of Resurrection!*

*BENEDICTION

*THE CHIMES *Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, signal the end of our worship and call us forth into a new week of service.*

POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing* Handel

*Please stand as you are able.

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