

PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
WORSHIP IN PERSON AND AT HOME
APRIL 11, 2021
10:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Preakness Reformed Church!

“Hope is much harder to come by. The women did not go to the tomb looking for hope. They were searching for a place to grieve. They wanted to be left alone in despair. The terrifying prospect of Easter is that God called these women to return to the same world that crucified Jesus with a very dangerous gift: hope in the power of God, the unending reservoir of forgiveness and an abundance of love. It would make them seem like fools. Who could believe such a thing?” -Professor Esau McCaulley

✠ *Congregation standing, as able
Masks on looking down*

WE GATHER IN THE JOY OF EASTER

PRELUDE

EASTER LITANY

Our long journey through lent is over. We have already begun the Easter Season!
We now dance in the light of Jesus' resurrection!
We are told “Do not be afraid!”
No more will we feel that we are alone and lost!
Jesus lives in our hearts and our spirits!
Jesus calls us to be a source of hope and joy for others!

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE 204 Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna HYMN TO JOY

✠ **PASSING THE JOY AND PEACE OF EASTER**
Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.
Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord!
What great joy we have!
CHRIST IS RISEN!
CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! AMEN!

(Please offer a sign of joy and peace safely to one another in the sanctuary and at home.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SONG OF REFLECTION 181

See, What a Morning

SEE, WHAT A MORNING

THE EASTER MESSAGE

THE READING OF THE WORD

Acts 4:1-22

THE MESSAGE

"Start Spreading the News"

RESPONDING WITH THE HOPE OF EASTER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

...concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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.

 RESPONSIVE CREED

-Our World Belongs to God (CRC) sec. 55-58

Our hope for a new creation is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God's rule will be crushed. God's kingdom will fully come, and the Lord will rule. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

On that day we will see our Savior face to face, sacrificed Lamb and triumphant King, just and gracious. Christ will set all things right, judge evil, and condemn the wicked. We live confidently, anticipating his coming, offering him our daily lives—our acts of kindness, our loyalty, and our love—knowing that Christ will weave even our sins and sorrows into his sovereign purpose. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

With the whole creation we join in saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Christ has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God, and we will reign on earth. God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God.
Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus!

☒ CLOSING SONG 770

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE

☒ EASTER BLESSING

☒ POSTLUDE

(Please allow our ushers to usher you out of the sanctuary.)

*Assisting God's people in worship this morning are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Glenn O'Connell, sound; Jessica Amato, soloist; Kevin Lynch, accompanist
and Dan King, director of music ministries.*

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204 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna

G D7 G D

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of des - pair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

G C Am G D7 G

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der; all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

D G D7 G D7 B Em A7 D

In the de - sert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

G C Am G D7 G

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing ho - san - na, ev - ery - one!

See, What a Morning

D A/D G D/F# A

1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the
 2 See Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where is he laid?"—as in
 3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the

Bm G D/F# G D/A A

dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb.
 Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.

D A/D G D A/C#

fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb filled with light, as the
 Hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; it's the
 Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the

Bm G D/F# G D/A A A/G

an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is ris - en!"
 Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life a - gain!
 King crowned with power and au - thor - i - ty.

D/F# A/G G D/F# G D/F# G

See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in love, borne in
 The voice that spans the years, speak - ing life, stir - ring
 And we are raised with him; death is dead, love has

D/F# G D/A A A/G D/F#

pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in
 hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound 'til
 won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall

A/G G D/F# G D/F# G D/A A

Christ the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the
 he ap - pears for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the
 reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the

D A/D 1, 2 G/D G A 3 D

dead.
 dead.
 dead.

In Christ Alone

G D G A Bm

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh— full - ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

G Em7 A D G D G

light, my strength, my song— this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe!— this gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fin - al

A Bm G Em7 A D

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on the
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No power of

G D A D G Bm7

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no hu - man plan, can ev - er pluck me from his

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all,
 fied. For ev - ery sin on him was laid;
 me; for I am his and he is mine,
 hand; 'til he re - turns or calls me home,

here in the love of Christ I stand.
 here in the death of Christ I live.
 bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

The Nicene Creed 1

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We believe in one God,
 the Father, the almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God,
 Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made;
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
 and the Virgin Mary,
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified
 for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again,
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again with glory
 to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son*,
 and with the Father and the Son
 is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic
 and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**and the Son was not originally part of this creed
 For an alternate version of this creed see 806*