

LEADING OUR COMMUNITY INTO A DEEP CONNECTION IN CHRIST

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR APRIL 19, 2020 AT 11:30 AM

Welcome

Opening Song: Now all the vault of Heav'n resounds

Now all the vault of Heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abound, Christ has triumphed, He is living!"" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear, Repeat their song of glory here, Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings, Christ has triumphed, He is living! Now still He comes to give us life, And by His presence stills all strife Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Adoring praises now we bring And with the heavenly blessed sing, Christ has triumphed, Alleluia! Be to the Father, and our Lord, To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **C:** Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Our Heavenly Father asks us to come into His presence.

C: But we are sinful and unworthy.

P: Yes, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, but Jesus Christ died on the cross that we may be forgiven and washed clean of all our sins by His blood spilled on the cross.

C: Lord, if You wash us, we will certainly be clean and pure.

P: We take a moment to bow before the His cross and silently reflect on our lives and confess our sins.

(Time of silence for reflection and confession)

P: Let us confess, together, our sins to God our Father.

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are sinners. We have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not lived out our faith out in our community. We justly deserve Your punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Song of Praise and Thanksgiving: King of Kings

In the darkness We were waiting Without hope Without light Till from heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the word From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus:

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit Three in one God of glory, Majesty. Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross For even in your suffering You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died

(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored And the church of Christ was born. Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, Shall not faint By His blood and in His name In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me *(Chorus 2x)*

First Reading - Acts 5:29-34, 40-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while...

...and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Gospel Reading - John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that

you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon Hymn – Trading My Sorrows

Chorus:

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord

Bridge:

We say, yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord Amen!

Verse:

I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned Struck down but not destroyed I am blessed beyond the curse for His promise will endure That His joy's gonna be my strength Though the sorrow may last for the night His joy comes with the morning!

(Chorus)

Sermon - "It's Friday, But Sunday's Comin'"

1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Benediction

Closing Song: Sing to the King

Verse 1: Sing to the King Who is coming to reign Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain Life and salvation His empire shall bring And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Chorus: Come, let us sing a song, A song declaring that we belong to Jesus He's all we need Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus Sing to the King

Verse 2: For His returning we watch and we pray We will be ready the dawn of that day We'll join in singing with all the redeemed 'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

(Chorus 2x)

Offering

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19, After the Service – Informational Meeting Zoom

April 23, 7 PM – A Time of Prayer Facebook, Youtube, and FaithWesleyChapel.com

April 24, 7 PM – Growth Group Bible Study Facebook, Youtube, and FaithWesleyChapel.com

April 26, 11:30 AM – Worship Service Facebook, Youtube, and FaithWesleyChapel.com

April 26, After the Service – Voter Meeting Zoom

