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“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Trumpet Sound

Stanley

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Opening Words

Isaiah 27:13 (KJV)

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Opening Prayer

Song

Glorious things of thee are spoken

#619 (1, 2)

*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.*

*See, the streams of living waters springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst t'asuage grace,
which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age?*

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the needs of the church and the world to God who raised Jesus to new life.

Resurrect the church from timidity and divisiveness; bless our leaders with boldness and your vision for our future.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Resurrect the earth from human selfishness and greed; bless all people with a desire to protect and care for the world you have entrusted to us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Resurrect the nations from violence and warfare; bless every land with a hunger and thirst for peace and justice.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Resurrect those entombed by the fear of death; bless the anxious and fearful with comfort and hope.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Resurrect the sick and dying from illness and disease; bless all who care for others with patience and strength.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Resurrect this congregation from becoming insular; bless us with deep curiosity and love for our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Resurrect the saints in light on the last day; bless us with deep faith and trust in your eternal and abundant promises.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Through the resurrection of your son, O God, you destroy the power of death and remove your people's shame. By the power of the Spirit, raise us from sin and seat us at the paschal feast, that we may rejoice in the gift of salvation Jesus has won for us. Amen.

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LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 15:51-58 (NRSV)

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will 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 will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, 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.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Sermon

The Source of Hope

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Song

We Shall Behold Him

Dottie Rambo (1, 2)

*The sky shall unfold, preparing His entrance;
The stars shall applaud Him with thunders of praise.
The sweet light in His eyes shall enhance those awaiting;
And we shall behold Him then face to face.*

*And we shall behold Him,
We shall behold Him face to face in all of His glory.
O we shall behold Him,
We shall behold Him face to face, our Savior and Lord.*

*The angel shall sound the shout of His coming;
The sleeping shall rise from their slumbering place.
And those who remain shall be changed in a moment;
And we shall behold Him then face to face.*

*And we shall behold Him,
We shall behold Him face to face in all of His glory.
O we shall behold Him,
We shall behold Him face to face, our Savior and Lord.*

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

Lord of the resurrection, you died and were raised so that ultimately death would not prevail. Remind us daily that sin, and even death, have no power over us. Amen.

Postlude

He Lives

Ackley

*I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer.
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.*

*(Chorus) 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 'tho 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.*

Chorus

*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.*

Chorus