

EASTER SUNDAY
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUSTIN, TEXAS

9:30 and 11:00a.m.

April 21, 2019

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

This Joyful Eastertide
The Pro Musica Handbell Choir

Vruechten
Arr. Sondra K Tucker

WELCOME

Leader: Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the Good News – the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

People: **Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the Good News – once we were no people; now we are God's people.

People: **Hallelujah!**

All: **Christ Jesus is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with one another.**
Hallelujah!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Hymn 288

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent confession...) **Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or surrendered to his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory and honor as he deserves, and as you deserve. Forgive us and raise us from sin and sins, that we may be your faithful people, responding to the invitation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules over all creation and forms us into his people. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)

Hymn 734

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

New Testament, page 860

SERMON

He is Risen!

Thomas Daniel (9:30)
Jill Williams (11:00)

* *Those who are able, please stand*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 287

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OURSELVES IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
The Sanctuary Choir and Brass Ensemble

Ryan Murphy

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow. Let all the world...

The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out.
But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world...
George Herbert (1593-1633)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND 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.

*PARTING HYMN

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

The Sanctuary Choir, Congregation and Brass Ensemble

Hallelujah...

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become.

The Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;

And He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of kings and Lord of lords, Hallelujah!

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Tocatta
From Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Jon Wasson at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00

Lay Liturgists – Kathryn Sedberry at 8:00, Melanie Williamson at 9:30, Cindy Young at 11:00

John Schmidt, organist

The Sanctuary Choir – Louise Avant, Interim Director

The Pro Musica Handbell Choir – Linda Rutherford, Director

Brass Ensemble: Patrick Murray, John LeNoir, *trumpet*; Chris Murphy, Fabian Reyes, *trombone*; Ian Fry, *timpani*

Daniel Izquierdo preaching at 11:30 at Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó (our sister church in Cuba)

Jill Williams preaching at 9:30 a.m. in the Contemporary Worship Service

Thomas Daniel preaching at 11:05 a.m. in the Contemporary Worship Service

Our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are decorated with Easter lilies to glorify our Risen Lord and to celebrate the memory of and to honor our loved ones. A full listing of those being honored and memorialized is available in the narthex.

Encouraging one another to follow Jesus
wherever we live, work, and play.

COVENANT ALL CHURCH PICNIC – Sunday, April 28th, 4-8 p.m. at the Skaggs Ranch (13600 FM 1826).

Bring your own food for your family and cookies to share. Drinks will be provided.

Come prepared for kickball, swimming in the creek, and more.

Find directions on the web at covenant.org/picnic.

FORMATION COHORTS FORMING NOW - Three new cohorts will begin a year-long journey to establish rhythms of spiritual and missional practices in January of 2020.

Each formation cohort is made up of 15 to 20 men and women who participate in four retreats, monthly cohort video calls, and short weekly spiritual practices.

Find information and express interest during the month of April at covenant.org/IMF.

For more information about events at Covenant, please see *Covenant Matters*.

NEW TO COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

Welcome! We are thankful you have chosen to worship with us today! Please introduce yourself by signing the red welcome booklet in each pew. Find out more about our community at the coffee bar in FE200 following the service. Our prayer is that Covenant becomes your second family. We want you to feel comfortable here and hope that we can help you find ways to grow in your faith. For more information on Covenant's many groups, programs, and events, head up to the coffee bar in our Fellowship & Education Building to visit with Amy Skaggs or contact her at askaggs@covenant.org. Amy is eager to meet and discuss ways of connecting. You can also find out more by visiting our website at covenant.org.

Four services of worship are offered each Sunday — 8:15 a.m. (a traditional communion service), 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (traditional services) and 11:05 a.m. (contemporary service). A shuttle service carries worshipers from the parking lot at the Texan Eye Center at 5717 Balcones Drive at Northland Drive, two blocks west of campus. Shuttle service runs from 7:55 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

COVENANT PRAYS

Prayers of sympathy and support: Mary Helen and Tom Mitchell, family and friends, on the death of Mary Helen's mother, Helen Turnquist, on April 14. Memorial service at Covenant at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1.

Family and friends of Tony Moreno on his death on April 10. Memorial service at Covenant at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3.

Gail and Howard Neal, family and friends, on the death of Howard's father, William Howard Neal, on March 29.

Betty Chapman, family and friends, on the death of her husband, TJ Chapman, on March 27.

Family and friends of Marjoree Bryant on her death on March 26.

Julie and Gary Stillwell, family and friends, on the death of their daughter, Caroline Booth, on March 24.

Dorothy Layne, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Len Layne, on March 22.

Julie and Robert Bou, family and friends, on the death of Julie's mother, Del Hagman, on March 21.

Prayers for recently hospitalized: Lynn Beierle, Jane Hoffman, Tom Murphy, Claire Williams.

Prayers for: Kay Sockol, Kurt and Darla Martens, Lynn and Patrick, John Erlewine, Marie Burns, Lou Heenan, Rebekah Urban, Laurel Ross, Ray Hustead, Dick McCracken, Jeff Rogers, Sr., Larry Madson, Bill McGavran, Bridget Lonseth, Tana Taylor, Louis Anderson, Priscilla and David Phinney, Bob Sebesta, David Pena, Dave Ferguson, Louise Saxon, Jessica Mann Charters, Riley Furlong.

Prayers for people serving in our country's armed forces: Lt. Will Beckham, USAF 2LT Gonzalo Hernando, USMC Capt. Katherine Ashton, USA Sgt. Jessica Choe, USA 2LT Ben Smith, USN LCDR Bryan Gunkel, USAF Lt. Katy Deiters, USAF A1C Taylor Cotham, USA Maj. Seth Pruett, USA Capt. Matt Irwin, USN LCDR Austin Wade Latour, USAF Lt. Col. Joseph Chennault, USA SFC Kevin Guy.

Prayers requested by or for our sister church, Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Luyanó, in Havana Cuba: Pray for Dorita & Zaida. Pray for holy week preparations. ¡Alabanzas al Señor! From Pastor Abel: Please pray for the grave and very difficult situation in Cuba about which there is great uncertainty. Our hope is only in God. From Pastor Daniel: Prayers for wisdom, so that the church can bear witness and hope.

Prayers requested by the Mission Committee: Samaritan Counseling Center and Chris Fisher at East Austin Younglife.

Prayers requested by the Session: Praise God! He is risen! Alleluia!

Although prayer requests will be removed from this listing after three weeks, please contact Kay Austin in the church office, 512 334-3030, or kaustin@covenant.org, if prayer continues to be requested.

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