# THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2017

### WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

In Preparation for Worship – Easter is Christianity's most important holy day: commemorating and celebrating the triumphal resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead as he promised in the Gospels on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion at Calvary.

## Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

The Prelude "Easter Fanfares" by Robert Lau

\*Song of Praise "Christ Arose!" 294

## \*Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: Jesus Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: The tomb could not hold our Master and Messiah.

People: The grave is empty. Jesus Christ is alive!

Leader: Our sin could not condemn him to death forever.

People: He shattered sin's power over us. He is risen!

Leader: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

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People: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law but thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: Jesus Christ is risen, indeed!

\*Invocational Prayer

The Ordinance of Christian Baptism

Songs of Faith "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" 288
"The Day of Resurrection!" 298

Community and Congregational 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

#### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:1-6

New Testament Epistle Reading Colossians 3:1-4

\*Responsorial "Because You Live, O Christ"
Soloist, Rexanne Greuter

# Invitation to the Offering

Unison Prayer of Dedication – Hear our glad songs of victory, O God; for your right hand has triumphed valiantly; your right hand is exalted, where the risen Christ is seated in power. As you have gained victory over death, so let our lives of worship and all of our gifts, be guided toward and serve your eternal kingdom and life in the resurrection. In Jesus' name.

Choir Offertory "Hallelujah! Now Be Joyful!" by Natalie Sleeth

**Children's Message** (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

\*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination John 20:1-18

Message: "So What? Overcome Irrelevancy"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

### **RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE**

\*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

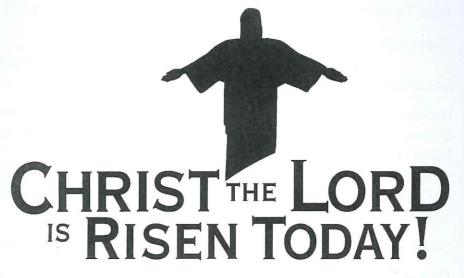
\*Song "He Lives" 302

\*Closing Prayer & Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude "Song of Life (Christ Burst the Bars of Death!)" by Lani Smith

\*Please stand if able

MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ



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