

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 4, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time Brice Smith

***Easter Proclamation:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***Song # 288** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” *EASTER HYMN*

***Call to Worship**

Death is swallowed up forever!

Alleluia! Let Us be glad and rejoice!

Let every tear be wiped away!

Alleluia! Let us be glad and rejoice!

Jesus Christ is our salvation, and He is risen from the dead!

This is our God: the Risen Son!

We have waited for the Lord,

And Christ Jesus has saved us! Alleluia! Amen!

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship.” Cascade Books: 2013. All rights reserved.

The Ordinance of Holy Baptism

Song of Faith #294 “Christ Arose!” *LOWRY*

Songs of Praise #314 “Easter Song” *HERRING*

***Unison Invocation Prayer – Almighty God, Father of the empty tomb, you have not abandoned your Son, neither have you allowed his body to see decay, but you raised him from the dead by your Holy Spirit. Help us, his body on earth, to not fail and falter when it comes to trusting You or sharing the Good News of his resurrection. Send your Spirit to lift us out of our fears and worries. Heal us by his holy wounds. Guide**

us back to the path of faith with its message that you are the eternal God: coming, suffering, dying, forgiving, rising, and coming again. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Alleluia #289** “Alleluia, Alleluia!” *HYMN OF JOY*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The First Reading **Acts 10:34-43**

The Second Reading **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

***Gospel Reading** **Mark 16:1-8**

Responsorial #302 “He Lives!” *ACKLEY*

Children’s Message (3rd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination & The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Right Hand of Fellowship Receiving New Members

Invitation to the Lord’s Table – We practice *open communion*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of this memorial meal. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold out your hands in a cup to receive the bread and cup. Hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Song #695 “As We Gather at Your Table” *BEACH SPRING*

Holy Communion: The Lord’s Supper –

Breaking of Bread – *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

Passing of the Cup – *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship –** If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song #179** “Joy to the World!” *ANTIOCH*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

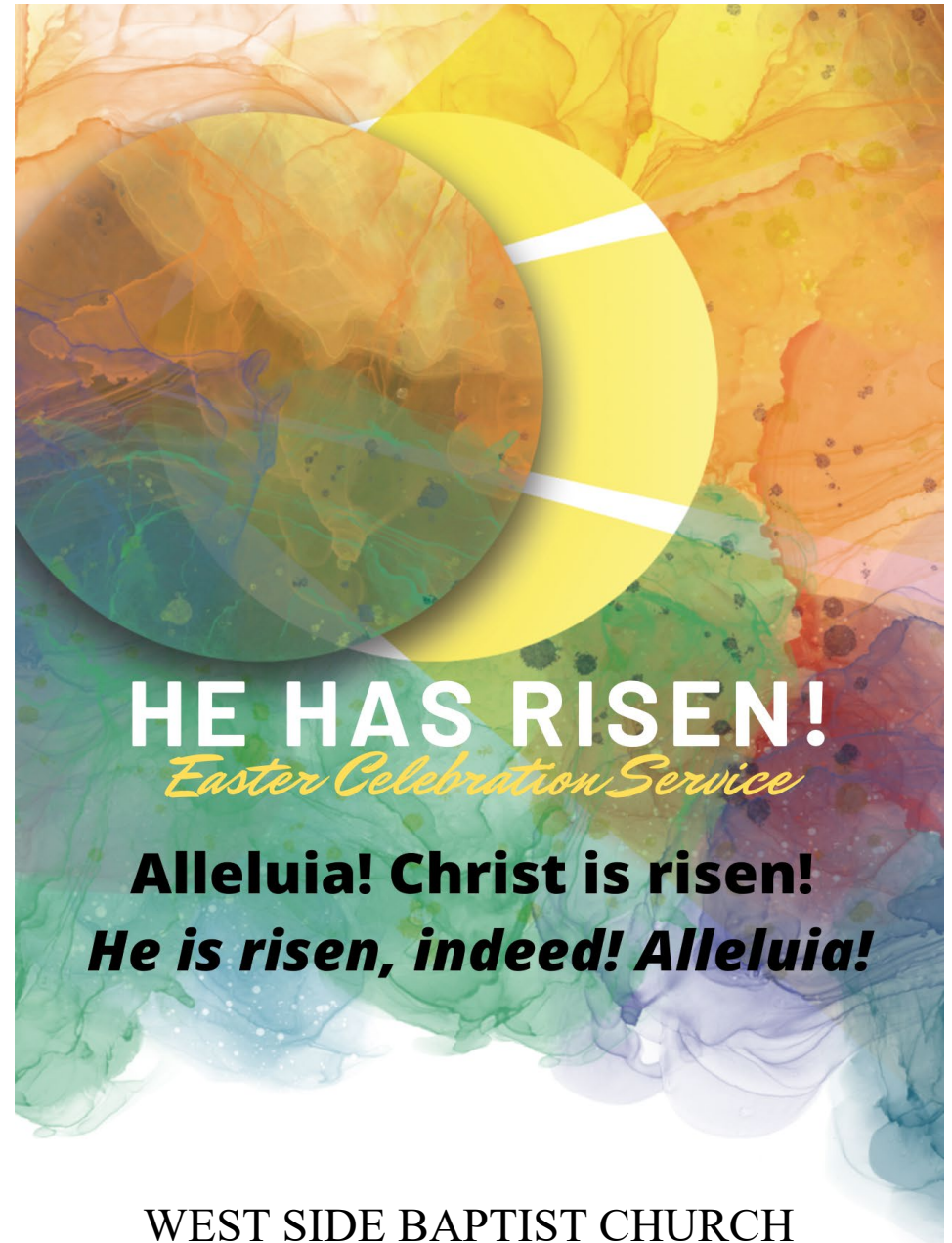
*Please stand if able

BELIEVER’S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior and publicly professes to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions. All persons of faith are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation. We use only non-alcoholic grape juice.



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