

EASTER CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

MARCH 31, 2024

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Easter Proclamation: Alleluia! Christ is risen! *He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

Ordinance of Holy Baptism The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

***Gathering Song # 270** "Christ the Lord Is Risen" *EASTER HYMN*

***Opening Prayer (Deacon Laurie):** Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Songs of Faith # 269 "He Lives" *ACKLEY*

Proclamation of Faith & Forgiveness The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Alleluia "Light of the World" **Worship Team**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Angie Foster

The First Reading **Isaiah 25:6-9**

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

Gospel Reader: Deacon Laurie Dewey

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** **Mark 16:1-8**

***Responsorial # 273** "Christ Arose" *CHRIST AROSE*

***Passing the Peace with Family, Friends, and Neighbors (Stand)**

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - A collection plate is available in the front of the Sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give it online.



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A Prayer of Illumination & The Message "Lead On, O King Eternal"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

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. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

Communion Song "The Communion Hymn" (Behold the Lamb)

The Words of Institution 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of the 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.

***Closing Hymn # 659** "Lead On, O King Eternal" *LANCASHIRE*

***Spoken Benediction (Stand)** The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

***Postlude** Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

Thank you for sharing your Easter flowers with us. Please take them.

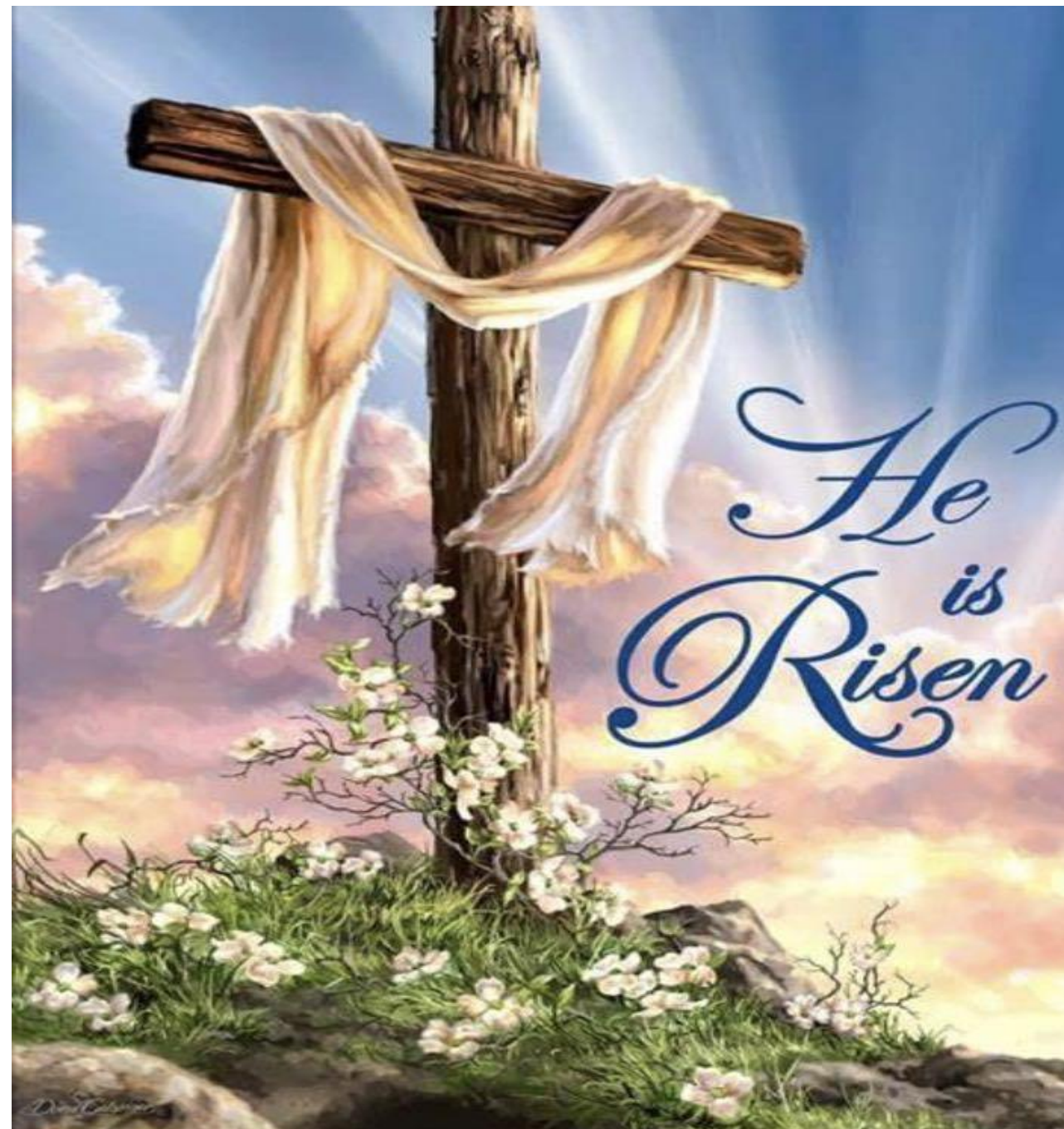
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people for His kingdom and eternal glory. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

OUR MISSION – We love God and we love people by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed in the hopes of improving the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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