

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: “Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: ‘The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things! The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!’” (Psalm 118:15-16, English Standard Version, ESV).

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus’ Name

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

***Opening Song (Stand)** “The Day of Resurrection”

Call to Worship*

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound; Praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
Praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals; Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

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Opening Prayer (Stand)

Song of Faith #414 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Alleluia # 276 “Alleluia” ALLELUIA

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Nancy Lindberg

The First Reading Acts 5:27-32

The Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel Reader: Deacon Traci Brown

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** John 20:19-31

***Responsorial (Stand) #509** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” OLIVET

***Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (Children’s Church for Students Preschool–3rd Grade)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community 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.



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Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.

Offertory

A Prayer & The Message “When Life Turns Out Less than Hoped”
The Reverend Art Campbell, ABCUSA Retired

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND 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 (Stand) #251** “Lead Me to Calvary” DUNCANNON

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

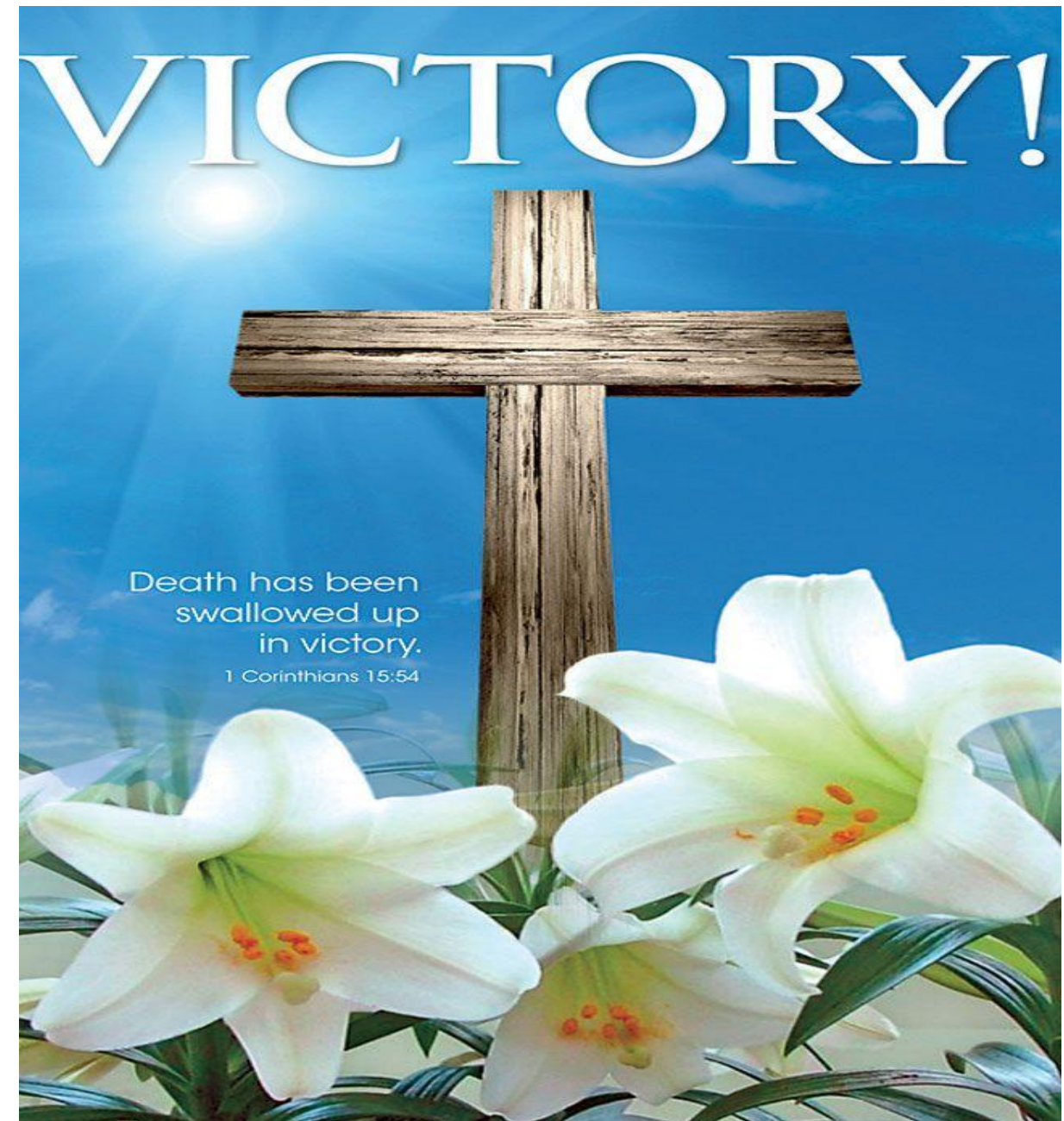
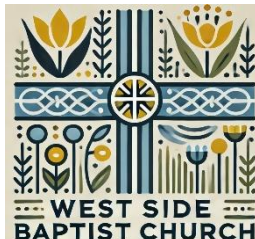
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. 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 to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, 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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