

Welcome to West Baptist Church

Second Sunday of Easter – Year B
Sunday, April 8th, 2018 - 9:30 AM



Our American mentality moves us to think of Easter Sunday as the end of Lent. We somehow feel we can endure forty or so days of fasting; that is our stolid puritan privilege. But to contemplate fifty days of joy is too self-gratifying. We don't have the endurance for that much feasting. ~ James Notebaart

**All who are able, please stand*

*Please join with the congregation in reading the **bolded** text aloud.*

PRELUDE Sylvester Skipper

GREETING AND WELCOME Stephanie Wyatt

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Greeting of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Psalm 27*

Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud, be gracious to us and answer us.

'Come,' our hearts say, 'seek God's face!' Your face, Lord, we do seek.

Do not hide your face from us. We believe that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Let us wait for the Lord; be strong, and let our hearts take courage; we will wait for the Lord!

*HYMN #158 "I Serve a Risen Savior" ACKLEY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer followed by 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.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19–31

RESPONSE

For the Word of God in Scripture

For the Word of God within Us

For the Word of God among Us

Thanks Be to God

MESSAGE "Why Thomas Gets a Bad Rap" Stephanie Wyatt

*HYMN #168 "The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE

SHARING THE GIFTS OF THE LORD'S TABLE (See Insert)

CHURCH OFFERING OLD HUNDREDTH

*Easter Doxology – Lyrics by John H. Danner

Let trumpets sound and voices sing!

Let all on earth their praises bring!

For Christ has conquered sin and death

And given life eternal breath. Amen.

FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Please gather in the center aisle for the Benediction and Response

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Bless'd be the Tie that Binds" DENNIS

POSTLUDE Sylvester Skipper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today — April 8, 2018

Choir Practice at 9:00am

Coffee Fellowship 9:00am

Worship at 9:30am

After worship —

“Exploring our Faith” for Youth

Tuesday, April 10th, 2018

Church Council – 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 11th, 2018

Handbell Rehearsal – 6:30pm

Sunday, April 15th, 2018

Choir Practice at 9:00am

Coffee Fellowship 9:00am

Worship at 9:30am

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

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“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it, and gave it to his friends, saying:

“Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many. Do this, and as often as you drink it, do so in remembrance of me.”

May this bread and this wine open us to the presence of the Holy Spirit who nourishes, renews and makes us whole.

Bread broken. Wine poured out, for the life of the world.

All are welcome. Take and eat for all things are ready.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Ushers will distribute the bread and juice. Please wait to consume each element until all congregants have received their portion and the pastor offers the invitation to eat.)

INVITATION TO EAT & DRINK

(There will be two invitations: one for the bread and one for the cup.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In remembrance of this meal that Jesus shared with his disciples, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim this great mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.** God of grace, you come to us in Jesus Christ so that we might have new life and celebrate the abundance of your creation. You patiently wait for us as we seek you and are willing to give all of yourself that we might find our lives again in you. **We thank you for the peace that you grant us in Christ. May we be as patient and understanding with others as you**

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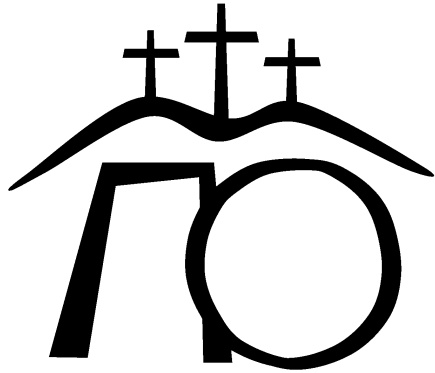
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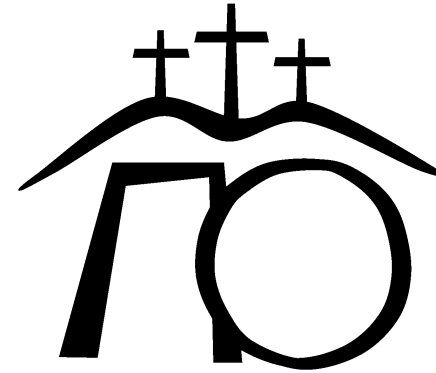
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