



LET US WORSHIP (*all read the bold*)

Whom do you seek in the tomb, O followers of Christ?

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

He is not here! He is risen, as he said.

Rejoice, heavenly choirs of angels!

Rejoice, all creation around God's throne!

Sound the trumpet of salvation; Jesus Christ is risen!

***HYMN 232** "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY" (*stand in body or spirit & sing*)

***PSALM 118** (*all read the bold*)

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice & be glad in it!

***Share the Peace of the Risen Christ with those around you**

~ *Children's time with the Pastor* ~

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Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg, pastor
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Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah (65:17-19, 25, NRSV)



Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent's food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord,

“Christ is the World's Light”

K. Lee Scott

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other.

Born in our darkness, he became our brother.

If we have seen him, we have seen the Father.

Glory to God on high!

A TIME OF CONFESSION *(all read the bold)*

In the nighttime of our sin, the grace of God rises like the dawn.

In the coldness of our hearts, hope rises like the sun.

God of mercy, from all that oppresses,

set us free!

From the wounds that paralyze us

and the sorrow that will not heal,

set us free!

From the tyranny of our fears, the grip of envy and shame,

set us free!

God of life and light,

grant us your grace.

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON . . . And all say: Thanks be to God.

“This Joyful Eastertide” *tune: VRUECHTEN, arr. Michael McDonough*

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,

our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen,

arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!



Luke 24:1-12
THE WORD OF GOD IS OPENED TO US
Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg

HYMN 627 "I LOVE YOU, LORD" (*remain seated & sing twice,
soloist sings first, then invites all to repeat*)



A PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (*all read the bold*)

*Jesus Christ, by your mercy that loved those whose eyes were closed to you,
be merciful to those who are slow to believe.*

*By the compassion that led you to seek out those who were sad,
console those who are not yet ready to rejoice.*

*By the blessing in which you made yourself known
to the disciples in the breaking of bread,
open our eyes to see your every act as a sacrament.*

The Pastor's Prayer followed by **The Lord's Prayer** (*on the screen*)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Today, darkness breaks into glorious light and strangers gather as family.
And to the feast table of God, we come as Christ's invited friends,
chosen and beloved.*

*This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord;
made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.*



*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift you your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

(The Great Thanksgiving continues ~



*On this day of joy and hope, we sing your praise, O God,
for very early in the morning your Word shattered
the silence of chaos and grace flowed forth like a river.*

*Though we cannot hear them, the valleys sing for joy
and hills skip like lambs.
All creation daily performs a symphony for your delight.
And we, also the work of your hand,
are caught up in this universal anthem.*

*So with people in every land and language,
with those who once sat beside us
and now are guests at your heavenly banquet,
and with the angels and saints who cannot keep silent, we sing*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy; there is none beside thee.
God, in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Born into obscurity, baptized into solidarity
with all who yearn for a better world,
touching those whose diseases might contaminate,
dining with those whose company might discredit,
identifying the uniqueness in all who were ordinary,
transforming dead tradition into living faith,
and then denied by those who followed him, crucified by those who feared him,
dead, buried, consigned to hell until heaven required his resurrection,
he arose to redeem all that were ruined; flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone,
it is him we praise, whose name is Jesus.*

*Therefore, we join our voices with those who stood at the empty tomb,
as well as those of every time and place,
singing our Easter joy:*

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; how great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*Please partake of the elements as you receive them
then discard the cup in the receptacles at the ends
of both front pews as you return to your seat.
(gluten-free bread is available, too) The usher will direct.*

*If you prefer to receive the bread & cup in your pew,
let the usher know and the pastors will come to you.*

Join in singing as the soloist directs.



Sing the refrain at the direction of the soloist ~

Refrain

All

A E A D E

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

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and I will raise you up on the last day.”

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE RISEN CHRIST *(all read the bold)*

*The angry mob has become dust,
and even the mighty Empire has vanished,
but the Loving One lives on for Love is stronger than evil.*

**As Christ's followers, we devote ourselves
to lives of love and service,
rejoicing in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of the resurrection,
and the mystery of eternal life.**

***HYMN 248** "CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!" *(stand in body or spirit & sing)*

***THE BENEDICTION**



*Giving is a natural overflow of a heart
that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us.
A basket is available on the table as you leave the sanctuary
for contributions of checks or cash. A secure link for electronic giving
is available on the church's website at www.wycliffepresbyterian.org*



Flowers have been placed in the church today by the following ~



Rev. Dr. Garrett and Ali Bugg

To the glory of God

Margaret Felts

*in honor of my parents
& grandparents*

Robin & Barry LaVigne

In honor of our family

Anne Lomax

In memory of my husband, John

Sharon Rock

*In memory of my parents,
Nelson & Jessie Fortune*

Donice Schumm

*To the glory of God and in loving memory of
my family and friends*

Lisa & Greg Sowell

*In memory of Rev. John E. Sowell
& Norma Sowell*

Chuck & Ruth Ann Steenburgh

In memory of our loved ones

Cindy & Michael Sweezey

*In honor of our children
and grandchildren*



*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
by the Blake Family in celebration of Wes Blake's birthday*

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
by Cathy Maston in loving memory of Jay Maston
who passed away April 18, 2019*



Get Active with Wycliffe

Coming Up ~

- Youth Group Pickleball - April 27** (12noon-2pm)
- Scout Troop 493 Yard Sale - May 3** (6am-11:00am)
- Lunch with the Pastor - May 6** (first Tuesdays, 12:15pm)
- Men's Breakfast - May 10** (second Saturdays, 7:30am, Sunrise Café)
- Grief Support Group - May 15** (third Thursdays, 3:30pm)
- Kids Club - May 16** (5:30-7:30pm)
- Mother's Day Luncheon - May 18** (after worship)
- Ladies Lunch Out - May 20** (Westminster Canterbury Pub, 12noon)
- Clean the Bay Day - June 7** (9am-12noon)
- Concert by the Tidewater Classical Guitar Orchestra - June 8** (4:00pm)

And every Sunday

Worship at 10:00am

Adult Sunday School - 9:00am
(on-site or online)

Children's Sunday School (10:10am, during the
worship hour, following "Children's Time with the Pastor")

Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sundays at 9:30am)

Youth Sunday School (Sundays at 11:00am)

Music-Makers - Grades 1-5 (Sundays 11:00-11:20am)





Today we welcome
Chad McGill & Pete Allison, trumpet
Clyde Gumbert & Ken Keller, trombone

Those who contributed a flower to today's worship are welcomed to take it home after the service.



Coming up at Wycliffe ~

Monday, April 21 (11:00am) *Handbells Rehearsal*

Wednesday, April 23 (9:30am) *Adult Small Group*

Thursday, April 24 (6:30pm) *Women's Bible Study & Potluck at Joan Horton's home*

Sunday, April 27 (12noon-2:00pm) *Youth Pickleball*

Tuesday, April 29 (6:30-8:30pm) *Ladies Bunco at Carol Stanton's home*

Saturday, May 3 (6:00-11:00am) *Scout Troop 493 Yard Sale*

Vacation Bible School~ August 4-7, 5:30-7:30p at Wycliffe

We are excited to focus on a Bible hero whose faith carried him through near-death experiences, imprisonment, and ultimately, to a throne. We will journey alongside Joseph and his time in Egypt. Share with your friends, and get ready to go back in time. Registration is NOW open!



Wycliffe's Session Elders Gail Schwartzer, Clerk; Patrick Blake & Lisa Sowell (Christian Service & Mission); Betty Oliver & Stephanie Billy (Christian Education); Linda Wahab & Bill Ayres (Fellowship); Jodi Rossman & Mardee Schaumlöffel (Outreach & Member Care); Kelley Gangwer & Margaret Felts (Worship); Ken Marinak & Mark Via (Facilities); Dan deLalla (Planning & Review); Don McNeill & Kirsten Lemmon (Administration, Stewardship & Finance).



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