

Christ is Risen!



Christ is risen, indeed!

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 4, 2021 ✕ 8:30 and 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: Easter Sunday*

✕ **Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!** ✕

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

Rev. Anita Thompson

INTROIT

In the Garden

arr. Joshua Metzger

Jordan Martin, Claire Presley, Anita Thompson, and Brandon Zoch

PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Organ Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Kari Pierce, 8:30 am
Mr. Andy Woodard, 11:00 am

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.
Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

We hear a voice call *our* name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Kari Pierce, 8:30 am
Mr. Andy Woodard, 11:00 am

+HYMN OF PRAISE 194 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
See page 4.

EASTER HYMN

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—

strong and brave, full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.

✠ **Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!** ✠

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

Dr. Gilliam

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Year after Year

Dr. Gilliam

At the conclusion of the sermon, we may observe a time of silence to reflect on all that has been experienced while we've worshiped together.

✠ **Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!** ✠

+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Avery Byrum, 8:30 am

Mrs. Nancy Freeman, 11:00 am

As we worship God with our offerings, this is our prayer:

O God, who is the source of all good things, we bring to You our gifts.

Enable us, along with our offerings,

to give You the love of our hearts and the service of our lives;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

INVITATION

+HYMN 620

Because He Lives
See page 5.

RESURRECTION

✠ **Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!** ✠

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHORAL RESPONSE

Soar We Now Where Christ Has Led

EASTER HYMN

Jordan Martin, Claire Presley, Anita Thompson, and Brandon Zoch

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 194

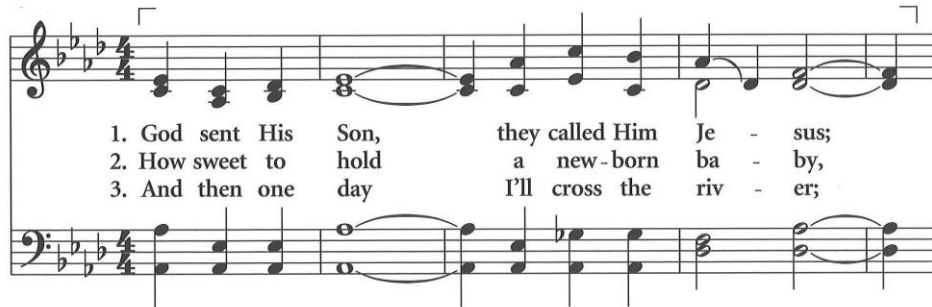
1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heav-en join to say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

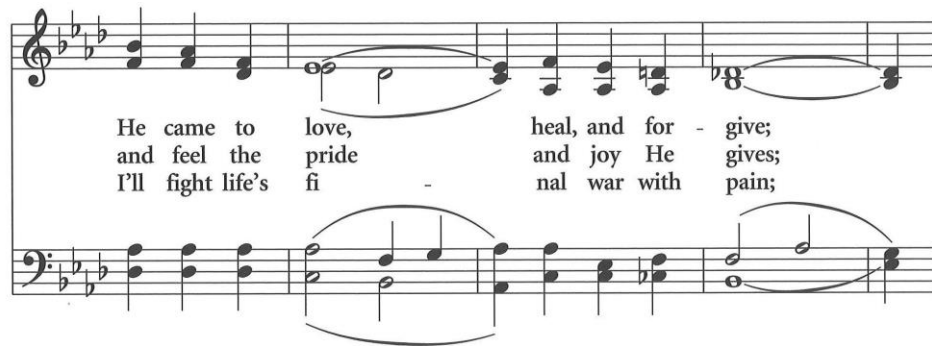
Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

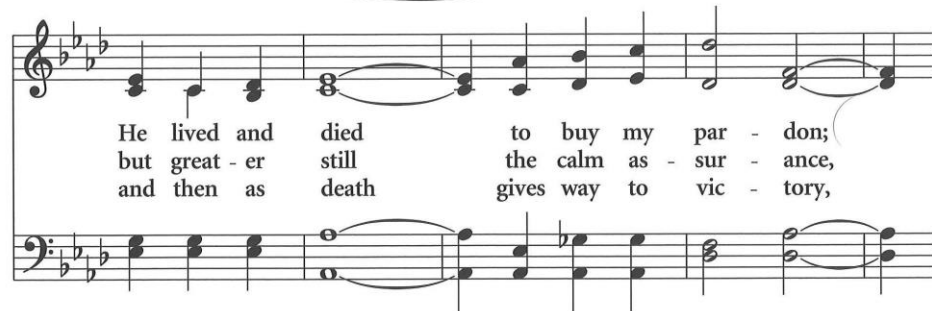
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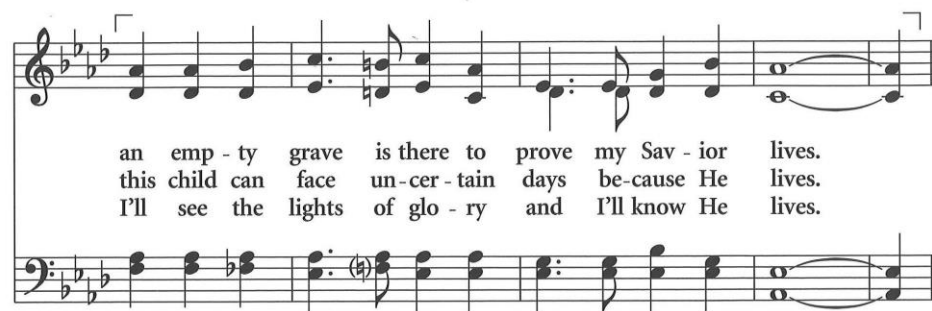
1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus;
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;



He came to love, heal, and for - give;
 and feel the pride and joy He gives;
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;



He lived and died to buy my par - don;
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,
 and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

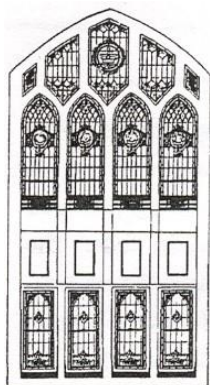


an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Be-cause He lives, I can face to - mor - row; be-cause He

lives, all fear is gone; be-cause I know He holds the

fu - ture, and life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

April 4, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

In order to provide a safe and healthy environment for all worshipers, please abide by the following guidelines.

- ♦Masks should be worn at all times, everywhere in the building.
- ♦Though there will be no congregational singing, you're invited to stand and sing in your heart to the Lord.
- ♦Should you need to exit during the service, please exit by the doors on either side of the chancel.
- ♦You're encouraged to sit and reflect during the postlude.
- ♦Offering – please place your offering in the plates located at the doors on either side of the chancel.
- ♦Please practice social distancing as you depart.

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✠ Wednesday Evening Activities - for April 7

We will not have Wednesday afternoon/evening activities in observance of Easter/spring break

✠ Church Offices Schedule

All church offices will be closed on Monday, April 5, in observance of the Easter holiday. Rev. Anita Thompson will be on vacation April 5—11.

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