

Homecrest Presbyterian Church

Worship of the Lord's Day

April 3rd, 2016

2nd Sunday of Easter

“Peace be with you.

*Blessed are those who have not seen and
yet have come to believe.” John 20:29*

Gathering Around the WORD

Call To Worship (Based on Psalm 150)

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

Gathering Hymn

#232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today,

Alleluia!

our triumphant holy day,

Alleluia!

who did once upon the cross,

Alleluia!

suffer to redeem our loss.

Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn

#232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

**Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn

#232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

But the pains which he endured,

Alleluia!

our salvation have procured.

Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King,

Alleluia!

where the angels ever sing.

Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn

#232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Sing we to our God above,

Alleluia!

praise eternal as God's love.

Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host,

Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia!

Gathering Around the WORD

Call to Confession

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life.

So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.



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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts and give us peace. Amen.



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Declaration of Forgiveness

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world. Thanks be to God, Amen.



Gathering Around the WORD

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

Gathering Around the WORD
Passing of the Peace of Christ



Proclaiming the WORD

***Message to the Youth/
Prayer of Illumination***

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (Acts 5:27-32)

**When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."
²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.**

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (Acts 5:27-32)

³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And **we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."**

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (John 20:19-31)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "**Peace be with you.**" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "**Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**" ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.**"

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (John 20:19-31)

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (John 20:19-31)

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹
Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (John 20:19-31)

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



Proclaiming the WORD

Unlocking our Fear and Faith

(Acts 5:27-32 and John 20:19-31)



Responding Hymn

817 *“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”*

***We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
“My peace be with you here.”***



Responding Hymn

817 *"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"*

***We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"***



Responding Hymn

817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

***Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.***



Responding Hymn

817 *“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”*

***And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.***

Responding to the WORD

An Easter Affirmation of Faith (By Brian Miller)

We believe in God the Father, who created the world, was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighborhood; was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God; and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross.

Responding to the WORD

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We believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God; was seen in bodily form by his disciples.

We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus, and sends us to show God's love for the world.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

- We will resume our regular afternoon **Bible Study** group on **4/10**. We will be finishing our study of a seven-part series on the **Seven Days of Glory: Holy Week**.
- The **Women's Group** will be meeting over at the Manse (2048 E 14th Street) every **Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm**. They are currently studying the book of Ruth. They will also be meeting every other Sunday morning before service at 9:30am over at the Manse for prayers and fellowship. For more information, please contact **Margaret Lesman** or **Cara Chin**.
- Next **Session Meeting, Monday 4/11 7pm**

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven.

Halloweth be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

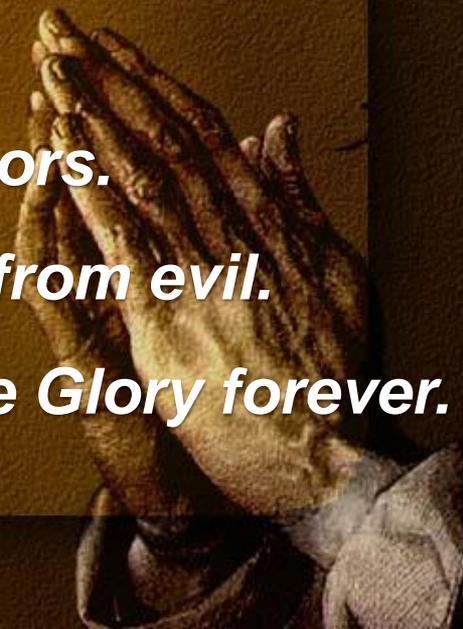
Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever.

Amen.



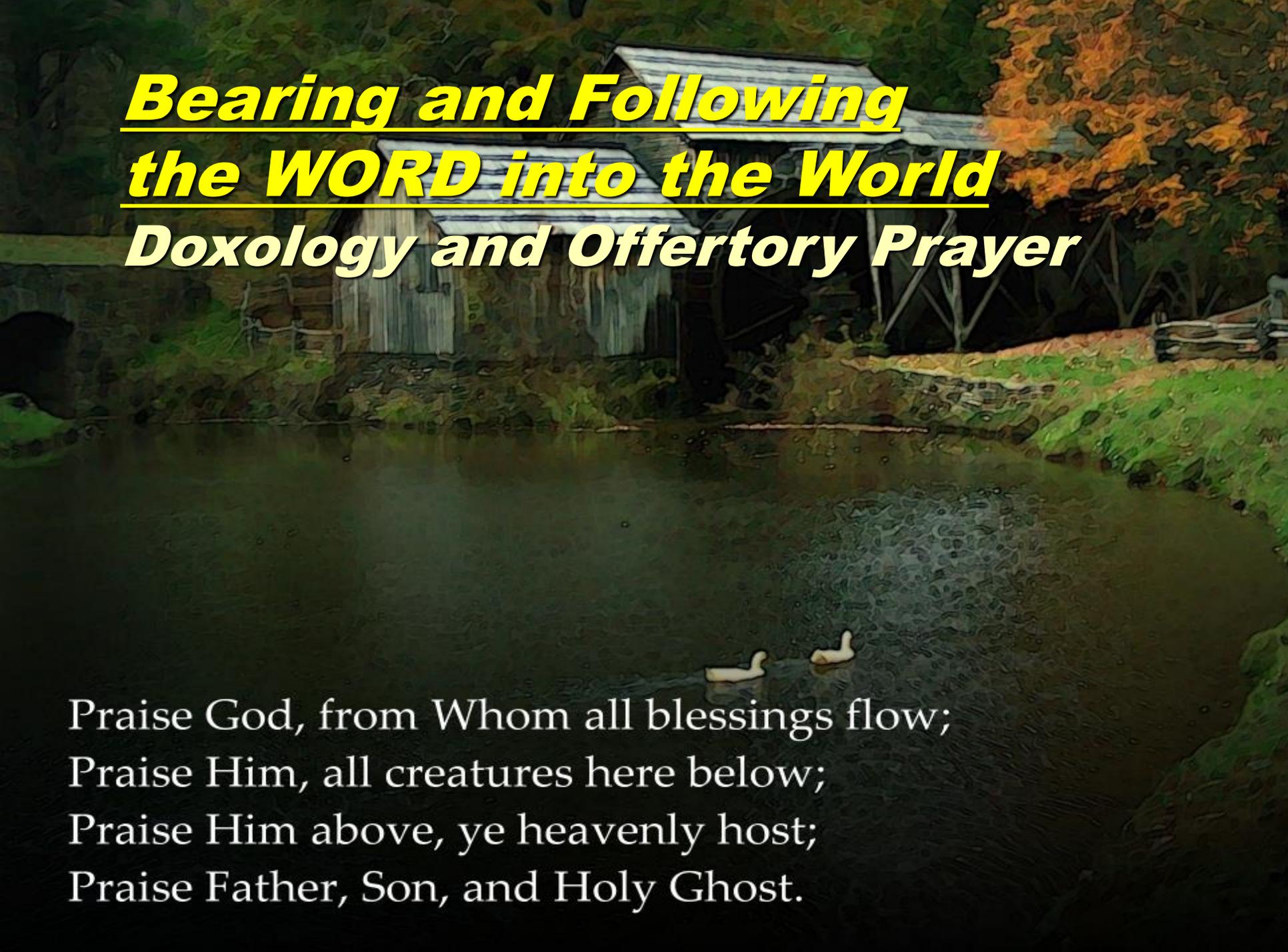
**Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
Offering of our Gifts and our Lives**

Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

“Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

2 Corinthians 9:6



A painting of a rural scene. In the background, there is a wooden barn with a corrugated metal roof. To the right, there are trees with autumn foliage in shades of orange and yellow. In the foreground, a dark pond reflects the scene, with two white ducks swimming in the water. The overall style is impressionistic with visible brushstrokes.

Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn #525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”



Communion Hymn

525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*



Communion Hymn

525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*



Communion Hymn

525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us praise God together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees.

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

It is right to give thanks and praise to our God.

This is the day that you have made, O Lord – the first day of the week, when you created light out of darkness by the power of your Word and Spirit, when you created life out of death, raising Jesus from the grave.



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Holy Communion

Throughout our lives, we have searched for this light in the midst of darkness. We have come to seek this risen Christ by our faith and not by sight, as we proclaim:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Holy Communion

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ our Lord. We remember how he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

We remember how he took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink of it,

Do this in remembrance of me."



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Holy Communion

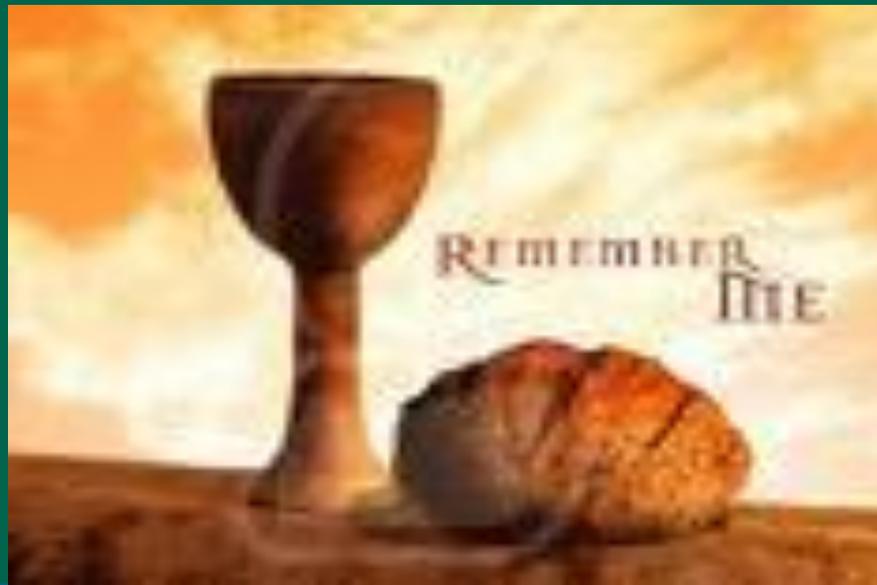
As death came through Adam, resurrection and life have now come through Christ. Christ our Lord is coming again to reign and to put all enemies under his feet.

God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and the blood of Christ.



Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
Holy Communion

Distribution of the Elements



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit to live as love commands. Bound to Christ, set us free for joyful obedience and service. As Jesus gave his life for ours, help us to live our lives for others with humility and persistent courage. Give us strength to serve you faithfully through His presence in our lives. Amen



**Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World**

Receiving of the Deacons' Benevolence Offering

Giving is Worship

GIVING BACK TO THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE



Sending Hymn

“Because He Lives”

***God sent his son, they called him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives***

***Because he lives I can face tomorrow
Because he lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because he lives***

Sending Hymn

“Because He Lives”

***How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because he lives***

***Because he lives I can face tomorrow
Because he lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because he lives***

Sending Hymn

“Because He Lives”

***And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know he lives***

***Because he lives I can face tomorrow
Because he lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because he lives***

Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
The Charge and Benediction



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