

Order of Worship
March 31, 2023 – Easter Sunday

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – From Isaiah 25, A Prophecy of Resurrection

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things,
things planned long ago.

***On this mountain the LORD Almighty will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.***

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;
he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.
***In that day they will say,
“Surely this is our God;
We trusted in him, and he delivered us.
This is the LORD; we trusted in him;
Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”***

Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today (stanzas 1-4)* #302

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture for Easter Sunday – Matthew 28:1-10

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Our Favorite Hymns

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (stanzas 5-6) #302

Gloria Patri and Apostles’ Creed

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.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and
wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Revelation 5:12

Doxology – #95

Scripture Reading – John 20:1-9, The Resurrection

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20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Sermon

Pastor Paul

Evidence for the Resurrection:
The Not-Quite-Empty Tomb

*He saw the strips of linen lying there,
as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’s head.*

John 19:6-7

Hymn

Thine Be the Glory

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Benediction

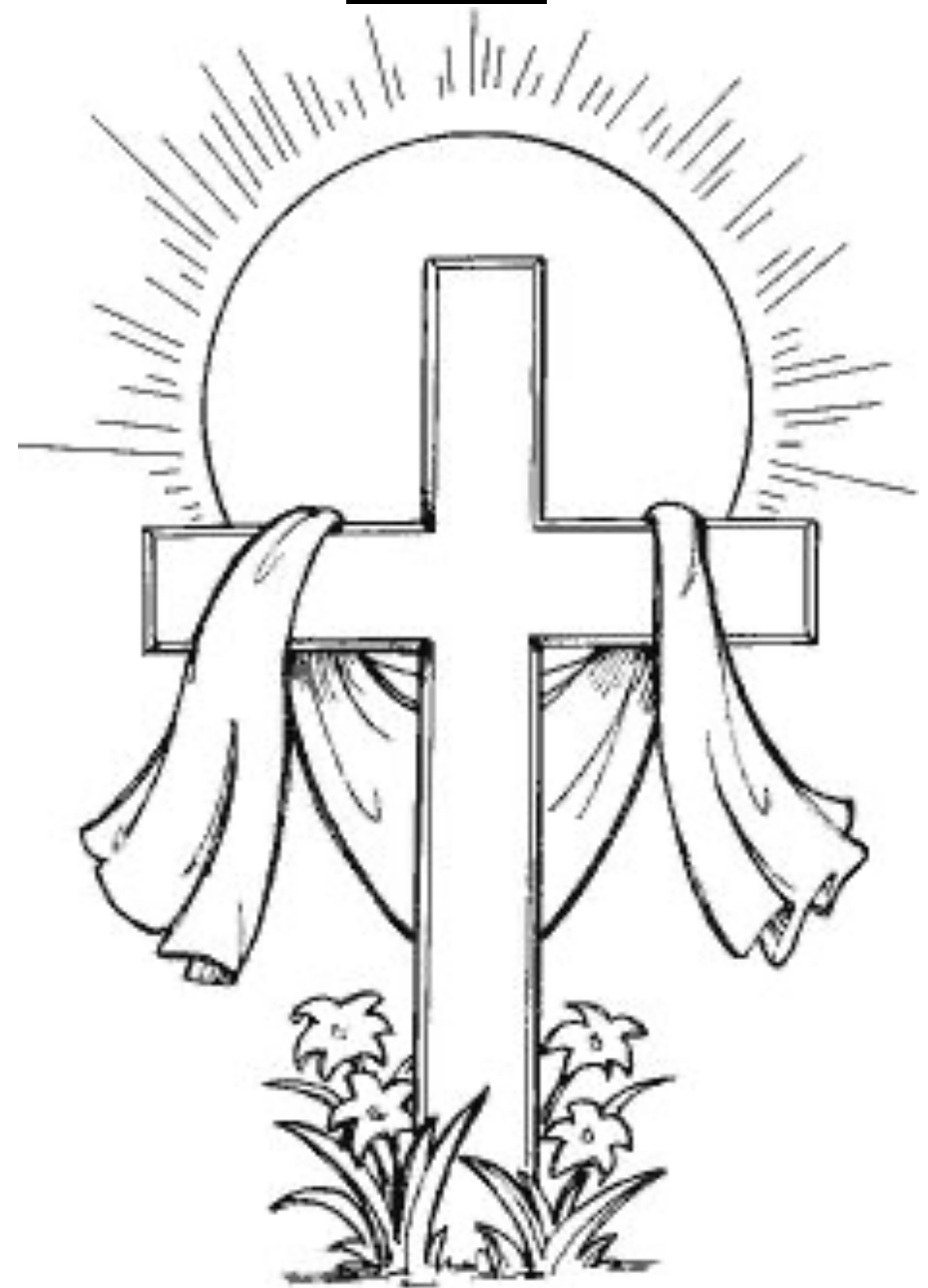
Bible Study & Prayer

10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Poplar Valley Social Hall

The Pilgrim’s Progress, Part Two

Introducing Today in the Word, April 2024:

Fear of the LORD



Poplar Valley & Cherry Valley UMCs

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