

Easter Sunday Worship Outline

April 12, 2020

Meditation

“Gandalf! I thought you were dead! But then I thought I was dead myself. Is everything sad going to come untrue? What's happened to the world?' 'A great Shadow has departed,' said Gandalf, and then he laughed and the sound was like music, or like water in a parched land; and as he listened the thought came to Sam that he had not heard laughter, the pure sound of merriment, for days upon days without count." - J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Return of the King*

Call to Worship

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.” – Matthew 28:1-10

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king, Alleluia!
Where o death is now thy sting, Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (2x)

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (2x)

Prayer

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on 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.

“It Is Well with My Soul”

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, It is well with my soul.

Chorus: It is well ... with my soul ...

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control –
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Chorus

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more –
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be
sight,

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall
descend

Even so, it is well with my soul!

Chorus

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:9

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Children's Message

Announcements

- *Get Help/Give Help: southwood.org/covidhelp (Lunches at Lee High School MWF through April)*
- *All events and services “online only” through end of April at this time*

“Hosanna”

I am tangled up in contradiction.
I am strangled by my own two hands.
I am hunted by the hounds of addiction.
Hosanna!
I have lied to everyone who trusts me.
I have tried to fall when I could stand.
I have only loved the ones who love me.
Hosanna!

Chorus: O Hosanna! See the long awaited king
come to set his people free.
We cry, O Hosanna! Come and tear the temple
down. Raise it up on holy ground. Hosanna!

I have struggled to remove this raiment,
tried to hide every shimmering strand.
I contend with these ghosts and these hosts of
bright angels. Hosanna!

I have cursed the man that you have made me,
as I have nursed the beast that bays for my
blood.
Oh, I have run from the one who would save me.
Save me, Hosanna!
Chorus

We cry for blood, and we take your life.
Hosanna!
We cry for blood, and we take your life.
It is blood, it is life that you have given.

You have crushed beneath your heel the vile
serpent.
You have carried to the grave the black stain.
You have torn apart the temple's holy curtain.
You have beaten Death at Death's own game.
Hosanna!
Chorus

Preaching of the Word

Isaiah 25:6-9

“The Death of Death”

- 6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
- 8 He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
- 9 It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x);

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield (2x).

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x);

Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears,
Goodbye!

Benediction

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

– Hebrews 13:20-21

Sermon Outline

1. The Death of Death (25:7-8)
2. The Death of Death's Friends (25:8)
3. The Life of God's Friends (25:6,9)

Questions for Discussion/Reflection

1. In what ways does death most impact your life? Has that changed in recent weeks?
2. How would you explain to a child or a friend how Jesus defeated death for those who trust Him? Why did He have to die in order to put death to death?
3. Read John 11:25-26. What do Jesus' promises mean for those who believe them? How does it change our experience of death?
4. What is one blessing that comes with having a risen Savior who has defeated death for you that you are thankful for this Easter?
5. How does it encourage you that Jesus has wept in the face of death – for loved ones and for himself?
6. What aspect of the eternal feast do you most look forward to? What are you most glad will be gone (sin, death, tears, shame)? What or who are you most overjoyed will be present?

Prayer Guide 4/12/20

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.

Pray that Easter and extra time at home will create opportunities to deepen relationships with neighbors.

Ask that Holy Spirit will teach our children especially the value of real connections in a disconnected age.

Pray for marriages in our church and for God to give us selfless and forgiving hearts that display his love.

Mission Partner

New City Celina (TX)

Jake Patton is pastor of this church plant in Celina, Texas. Jake is a former Southwood pastor now in Texas with Paige, Laci, Luke, Aubrey, and Brooke. Join them in praying for these requests:

Pray for wisdom, insight and guidance from the Holy Spirit in how to lead our plant in the season ahead.

We are asking the Lord to preserve the welfare of our new and young businesses in Celina.

Pray for new Gospel opportunities (word and deed) as we engage with neighbors and community.

Specific Needs

Pray for Brandi Edmonds as she recovers from surgery Thursday for breast cancer and prepares for radiation treatments.

Praise God for Reagan Turney's return home after being hospitalized for several weeks.

Continue to pray for God's mercy on our city, country, and world during this global pandemic and for many hearts to turn to Him.

Pray for our elders as they meet electronically this week and seek to lead us wisely during this season.

Pray for our mission partners as they celebrate Easter around the world and share the good news through new avenues this year.

Pray for members dealing with loneliness during this season and for grace to love each other well.

Senior Member

Ivy Barber

3027 Morgan St
Huntsville, AL 35805

Expectant Mothers

Molly Athey - April 2020

Ann Ever Ainsworth - May 2020

Kristen Stevens - June 2020

Grace Crawford - July 2020

Kelly Lewis - July 2020

Nina Cash - August 2020

Taylor Bozeman – September 2020