

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday Worship Service

April 20, 2025 11:00 a.m.

GREETING

Rev. Bill Hawkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Revelation Song"

*SHARING THE WELCOME OF CHRIST

*PRAISE SONGS

"House of the Lord"
"Death Was Arrested"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *BCW, 2018*

Mame Johnston, Lay Leader

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made and appointed us as stewards. Forgive us God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen (time of silent confession)

RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON, *Romans 5:23; 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Lay Leader

Leader: "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God,"

People: which is why from one another we need less judgment and that much more forgiveness.

Leader: For anyone who is in Christ is a new person, the past is finished and gone, everything becomes fresh and new."

People: Let us believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven

ALL: Thanks be to God, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chelsea Price

After the Children's message, children are welcome to go to Kid's Church.

*HYMN #106

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

OFFERING

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Choir

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*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

Lay Leader

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-26

Leader: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Final Enemy"

*SONG OF RESPONSE

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

IN OUR PRAYERS

Greg Long and family on the loss of Greg's father, William Eugene "Billy Gene" Long.

Carol Abrahamson, Karin Baxter (JoAnn Minor's sister), Jeff Briggs (friend of Carol Ennis), Jean Bullock, Mary Campbell, Jennie Linn Duffie (John Duffie's mother), the Drown family (Deanna Auerbach's family), Shannon Earle (Brad Earle's niece), Carol Ennis, George Fowlston, Kent Foerster, Jim Johnston (Mame & Doug Johnston's son), Dan Krauthem (Kathryn Fiebich's father), Rich Laramee, Gladys Livingston (friend of Joann Liss), Robert Lowry, (Carolyn's father), Worth McMains, Norma Miller (friend of Joann Liss), Scott Monday (Deb Hilliard's brother-in-law), Tina Moscone (Rhonda Olds' friend), Paula (friend of Donna Millet), Joe Patak (Diane Bensley's father), Margaret Rapp, Harold Roller, Derek Smith (Janise's husband), Dawn Swartz (Donna Mounce's sister), Cherry Thomas (Aaron Thomas' mother), Ken Walter, Carmela Williams (Debby Well's friend), Marge Wordell, Buddy Young, Viktoriia Zosymova and her hometown in Ukraine, the brave men and women in the US military, the Pastor Nominating Committee.

House of the Lord	Death Was Arrested	Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks	Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
<p>We worship the God who was We worship the God who is We worship the God Who evermore will be He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea My God He holds the victory There's joy in the House of the Lord There's joy in the House of the Lord today And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise There's joy in the House of the Lord Our God is surely in this place And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise Oh oh oh oh We shout out Your praise We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves We sing to the God Who always makes a way 'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave My God's still rolling stones away Chorus We were the beggars Now we're royalty We were the prisoners Now we're running free We are forgiven accepted Redeemed by His grace Let the house of the Lord Sing praise (CHORUS 2X) Oh oh oh We shout out Your praise We shout out Your praise We shout out Your praise</p>	<p>Alone in my sorrow And dead in my sin Lost without hope With no place to begin Your love made a way To let mercy come in When death was arrested And my life began Ash was redeemed Only beauty remains My orphan heart Was given a name My mourning grew quiet My feet rose to dance When death was arrested And my life began *Oh Your grace so free Washes over me You have made me new Now life begins with You It's Your endless love Pouring down on us You have made us new Now life begins with You Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore He cancelled my debt And He called me his friend When death was arrested And my life began Chorus Our Savior displayed On a criminal's cross Darkness rejoiced As though heaven had lost But then Jesus arose With our freedom in hand That's when death was arrested And my life began Chorus **Oh we're free, free Forever we're free Come join the song of All the redeemed Yes we're free, free Forever amen When death was arrested And my life began **Repeat When death was arrested And my life began When death was arrested And my life began</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord Alleluia, alleluia Give praise to His Name Jesus is Lord of all the earth He is the King of creation Alleluia, alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord Alleluia, alleluia Give praise to His Name Spread the good news o'er all the earth Jesus has died and has risen Alleluia, alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord Alleluia, alleluia Give praise to His Name We have been crucified with Christ Now we shall live forever Alleluia, alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord Alleluia, alleluia Give praise to His Name Come let us praise the living God Joyfully sing to our Savior Alleluia, alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord Alleluia, alleluia Give praise to His Name</p>	<p>Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love amazing grace The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love amazing grace The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God who called me here below Will be forever mine Will be forever mine You are forever mine</p>