

big CHURCH

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Beautiful Savior”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is gracious.

C: For his mercy endures forever.

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: Whose mercy has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

P: Without having seen Him, we love Him and we believe in Him,

C: Receiving the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, who through your Son overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection may arise from the death of our sin through the renewal of your Holy Spirit and may hear and obey your living Word of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Alleluia, amen!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 1:6-11 [NIV]

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-23 [NIV 84]

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

AFFIRMATION of FAITH 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20

P: Let us now confess our faith in our risen Lord, from the words of Holy Scripture, the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

C: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

SONG “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

SERMON “BIG CHURCH: DAY ONE”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

•*Praise and Thanksgiving*: **Monica Kaminski**-recovering well from cancer surgery; **Joyce** (mother of Janette Young)-in ICU recovering from seizures and other health issues.

•*Wisdom and Courage* to our **Elected Officials** and **Military**.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

“Lord, I Need You”

THE EASTER BENEDICTION

P: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory, and praise, and might, and majesty, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG “Mighty to Save”

CONNECT

- Middle School Hangout | Sunday, April 15 | 6-8pm | Register Online
- NEO Concert | Friday, April 20 | 7:30pm | Tickets available at the door!
- 6Stones CPR Spring Blitz | April 20-21 | Peace assigned House #19 | Register Online
 - Questions? Contact Kevin Sheets: (cocacola08@gmail.com)
- 90th Birthday Reception – Dick Goodspeed | Sunday, April 22 @ 9:45am
- HS Coffee & Bible Study | Sunday, April 22 | 6:15-8pm | @ Roots Coffee
- 38th Annual Men's Retreat | April 27-29 | Register Online Today
- VBS 2018 | June 25-29 | Save the Date! | Registration Opens Soon

