



Faith - Family - Fellowship

AGAPE WORSHIP
“ALLELUIA CELEBRATION”
EASTER SUNDAY - AGAPE
APRIL 20, 2025

GREETING		Pastor Robert
PROCESSIONAL	This Is The Day	Mustard Seeds & Chancel Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP	Introit for Easter Day	Chancel Choir
PRAYER OF RESURRECTION		Pastor Robert
PSALTER READING	Psalms 150	Jim Vaughn / Chancel Choir
GLORIA PATRI	Hymnal #71	
HYMN OF FAITH	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (Hymnal #302 verses 1,2,5,& 6)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
WORDS OF ASSURANCE	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Pastor Tim
ANTHEM OF HOPE	Christ is Risen (COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS)	Mustard Seeds & Chancel Choir
DOXOLOGY / BLESSING OF THE OFFERING	Hymnal #95	
GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 16:1-8	Michelle Hammond
ANTHEM OF LOVE	O The Lamb	Mustard Seeds
SPIRITUAL VITAMIN	THE CROSS Run! Be overcome and energized by new life, Amen!	
HYMN OF RESURRECTION	He Lives (Hymnal #310- Vs 1 & 3)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
HYMN OF PEACE	Shalom Chaverim	Mustard Seeds
BENEDICTION	HALLELUJAH CHORUS	Chancel Choir

GREETING:

Pastor: Lord, today we gather to witness you.

People: You bring glory to the earth, from the deepest valley to the highest mountain.

Pastor: Lord, today we gather to listen to you.

People: You call us to go and bring good news to your people

Pastor: Lord, today we gather to praise you.

People: You invite us into your sanctuary and draw us into your presence.

Leader: Lord, today we gather to worship you.

People: Fill our hearts, minds, and souls with your Holy Spirit. Guide us with your mercy to be courageous to spread the Good News to all we meet.

PRAYER OF RESURRECTION:

Pastor: Please join me in today's Prayer of Resurrection.

People: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!".
Father God, we who have come to You through Jesus Christ enter Your sanctuary with reverence and stand before Your throne without fear,
for it is a throne of grace!
Heavenly Father, we praise You for who You are and how You love.
Amen!

Psalter Reading - Psalm 150

The Book of Psalms is the largest and perhaps most widely used book in the Bible. It explores the full range of human experience in a very personal and practical way. The tremendous breadth of subject matter in the 150 “songs” includes diverse topics such as jubilation, war, peace, worship, judgment, messianic prophecy, praise and lament. Chapter 150 is an eloquent, passionate cry to all creation to give Yahweh the praise due to Him.

Please join me in today’s responsive reading.

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

People: **praise God in his mighty firmament!**

Leader: Praise God for his mighty deeds;

People: **praise God for his exceeding greatness!**

Leader: Praise God with trumpet sound;

People: **praise God with lute and harp!**

Chancel Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Leader: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

People: **praise God with strings and pipe!**

Leader: Praise God with sounding cymbals;

People: **praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord;

People: **Praise the Lord!**

Chancel Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Today's words of assurance comes to us from the Apostle Paul's first letter to the Christian church in Corinth. Within these words, Paul reassures these early converts that the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ's resurrection is a reality and that all who believe will have a place in God's eternal home, heaven.

Friends, let me go over the Message with you one final time—this Message that I proclaimed and that you made your own; this Message on which you took your stand and by which your life has been saved. (I'm assuming, now, that your belief was the real thing and not a passing fancy, that you're in this for good and holding fast.)

The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to *me*. It was fitting that I bring up the rear. I don't deserve to be included in that inner circle, as you well know, having spent all those early years trying my best to stamp God's church right out of existence.

But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste. Haven't I worked hard trying to do more than any of the others? Even then, my work didn't amount to all that much. It was God giving me the work to do, God giving me the energy to do it. So whether you heard it from me or from those others, it's all the same: We spoke God's truth and you entrusted your lives.

O Lord, you have given us the gift of your Word.

People: May we ever protect and keep it pure. Amen.

WORD OF GOD - MARK 16:1-8

Please remain standing for today's "Alleluia Celebration" scripture from the Gospel According to Mark, chapter 16, verses 1 through 8..

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could embalm him. Very early on Sunday morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each other, "Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?" Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back—it was a huge stone—and walked right in. They saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback, astonished.

He said, "Don't be afraid. I know you're looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He's been raised up; he's here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now—on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You'll see him there, exactly as he said."

They got out as fast as they could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to anyone.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.