

# Easter Sunrise Service

Worship of the Risen Savior      April 16, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

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**PRAYER of PREPARATION:** Glory to You, O God: You established the day to celebrate victory over death, on the First Day of the Week raising Jesus the Messiah and Savior from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to You, O Christ as we celebrate Your resurrection from the dead; and for us and for our salvation You overcame the sentence of death, opening the gate to everlasting life. Glory to You, O Holy Spirit: as You abide with us and provide the power for fruitful Christian living. Glory to You, O Blessed God, now and forever more. Amen.

**WELCOME:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
Congregational Response: **And also with you.**

**HYMN #21, “He is Lord, He is Lord”**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. **Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.** Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, gave Himself as a sacrifice for our sin, and satisfying holy justice obtained a redemption for us by his atonement.

**On this day we remember God has raised Christ to be our eternal King.**

We celebrate this day of resurrection grace, given by our God; let us remember His holy sacrifice and commune with Him and with each other,

**In this hour, let us rededicate ourselves to be faithful disciples, and thus be recipients of His mercy, be blessed with resurrection, and be with Him, our Lord and God in heavenly glory.**

*Now come let us worship God.*

**HYMN #2, “How Great Thou Art”**

**Passing of the Peace** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.** (*Exchange greetings of peace with one another*)

**FIRST READING**

*Daniel 12:13*

**SECOND READING**

*Psalms 1:5*

**THIRD READING**

*Psalms 37:18*

**FOURTH READING**

*Acts 13:26-39*

**HYMN #58, “No Other Plea”**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles’ Creed, modern English*

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; he descended into death. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living 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.

\* “catholic” means God’s mercy extends through the church to all peoples in the world

**PRAYER and *the* LORD’S PRAYER:** Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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## LIVE IN FELLOWSHIP AS GOD’S PEOPLE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING PRAYER and BLESSING**

# “The Nails of the Cross”

By Martha Conaway

We would never crucify Christ, Each of us would say,  
Yet there are many different nails,  
We hammer in Him every day.

There is the nail of Envy, Jealousy and greed,  
Let's remove those deadly nails,  
We have everything we need.

We hammer in the nail of Pride, Thinking we're in control,  
But we must confess our sins to God,  
If we want Him to save our soul.

Unfaithfulness is another nail,  
It wounds him when we stray,  
But He is willing to take us back,  
He loves us come what may.

Then there's the nail of Cruelty, of apathy and neglect,  
We surely hang Him on the cross,  
When Jesus we reject.

Another nail is Indecision, Shall I proclaim Him Lord?  
Or shall I worship worldly things,  
And forfeit my reward?

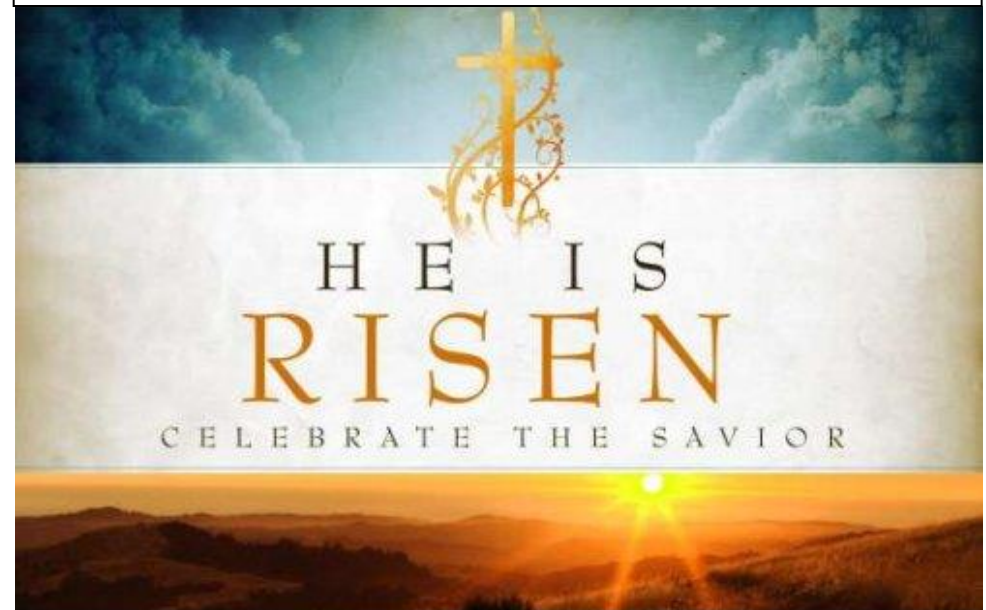
But none of these nails could hold Him,  
On that cross at Calvary,  
He arose triumphant from the grave,  
To bring Salvation to you and me!

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