

The Chapel in the Pines

April 7, 2024

Living in the Light of the Resurrection

The Second Sunday in Easter



The flowers on the Communion table this week are given to the Glory of God by Jon and Dorene Tichenor in loving memory of Helen Tichenor.

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Preparation

Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season.
Gather once more to testify to life through the gift of your Son, our Savior.

We declare to each other what we have experienced.

In community, we find the life God intends.

Early believers were of one heart and soul.

We, too, are called to find that common ground in Christ.

How good and pleasant it is.

When kindred lives live in love, harmony, and unity.

Peace be with you as we celebrate the resurrection.

Christ is with us to renew our faith.

We are here to testify to God's grace.

We will share our story and ourselves with the world.

The Invocation 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever...Amen.**

*The Call to Worship

We come again to celebrate the resurrection.
God gives us new birth into a living hope.

**Death has no power over us.
Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.**

Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!
Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

**Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.
God shows us the path of life.**

Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.
Put away your doubts and believe.

**We rejoice in God's amazing and good news.
In God's presence, we find fullness of joy and peace.**

*Hymn

#217 Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!
- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ be with you all.
And, also with you. Please be seated.

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

We have taken the name of Christian, but few of us are known primarily by that name.

**We have experienced Easter radiance,
but we seldom reflect the light of our risen savior.**

We have heard the message of salvation,
but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives.

**Sometimes we delude ourselves
because we consider ourselves 'good people,'
and act as if there is no sin in us.**

Here is a truth: When we act and speak as if there is no sin in us, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Sin is separation from you, O Lord.

We have allowed great chasms to keep us from getting too close to you and we have built high walls to keep your influence out of our lives.

Awaken us to the truth. Open our hearts to you.

Forgive our foolishness, we pray. Amen.

The Declaration of Forgiveness

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise** Adapted from Psalm 133 by Nan Merrill

Behold, how good and pleasant it is,
When God's people dwell in unity.

It is like vistas seen from atop a mountain one has climbed.

It is like the stillness of a sunset after a long day's work.

It is like a shimmering rainbow breaking through a summer rain.

When women and men dwell in harmony, the bright light of God's truth appears!

***Hymn** #222 Easter Song

Hear the bells ringing,
They're singing that we can be born again!

Hear the bells ringing,
They're singing "Christ is risen from the dead!"

The angel upon the tombstone said,
"He is risen, just as He said.
Quickly now, go tell His disciples
that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!"

Joy to the world,
He is risen,
Alleluia! He's risen,
Alleluia! He's risen,
Alleluia! He's risen
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Epistles Acts 4:32-35

This prayer meeting follows the release of Peter and John by the Sanhedrin. Instead of being cowed by threats and warnings, the believers continue to gather around prayer and praise God's call upon their lives. Each person in the community voluntarily shares their spiritual lives AND possessions.

***Hymn** #259 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

A Reading from the Gospels **John 20:19-31**

The Apostle John shows us that it is not easy to live into the reality of Easter. After all, everything in our pre-Easter experience makes it difficult for us to embrace fully this good news. Even though Mary has told the disciples that very morning that she has seen the risen Lord, the disciples are huddled behind closed doors, afraid of those who have power over them. They do not live bold and empowered by a new reality but like cowards.

The Homily **My name is Thomas**

Prayers of the People

Prayer requests from the congregation...

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

The Offertory

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn** #304 Lift High The Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1** Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **[Refrain]**
- 2** Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **[Refrain]**
- 3** O Lord, once lifted on the glorious Tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee. **[Refrain]**
- 4** Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace. **[Refrain]**
- 5** For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne. **[Refrain]**

***The Charge and Benediction**

Go out in the strength God provides.
Raise God's mighty deeds by the way you live.

**In loving obedience, we will witness to our faith.
We will give things each day for God's goodness.**
The steadfast love of God goes with us everywhere.
The Holy Spirit empowers our worship and service.
**God is our strength and our might.
God answers our prayers with salvation.**
Grace to you and peace
from the one who is and was and who is to come.
**This day is a precious gift from God.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Amen.**

***The Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangelina Caliendo, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Leric Racine, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Lynn Garbarino, Elaine Bertino, Mary Farley, Kitty Price, Kerri Klein, Jean Schmidt, Ed Barry, Bill Bohl, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, D.J. Kirit, Steve Hall, Phil Westerman, Lucy Dunn Martin, Jerry Hyatt, Ann Rorie, Michael Taylor, Gerry Crow, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Marie Steensen, Debbie Franklin, Mary Herold, Nancy Cecchini, Mary White, Robert Allen, Joseph Rickards, Mary Faas, Nell Otsby, Bill Conclin, Sharon Hacker, Barb Conrad, Leah Tourt Cicero, Paul Infuso, Bill and Bev Myers, Kate Halus, Patricia Lewin, Linda Stowe, Rev. Gary Sawtelle, Joe and Laura Klimasz, David Tourt, and Tom and Megan Klein.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Glenda Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Dick and Sue Van Horne, Jane and Jeff Lowe and Jenny, Peggy Olson, Katy Swain, Pat Griffin, Marilyn and Jimmy McCaskill, Johanna Moran, Shirley Percival, Bob Dantzer, Charles Hinson, Sue Barry, Bill and JoAn Moses, John Shaughnessy, the family of Vickie Bedder on the loss of her mother Meta Evans and the family of Thalia Beam on the loss of her brother.

April Announcements

Looking Ahead!

Sunday—April 7	9:00 am	2nd Sunday after Easter
Tuesday—April 9	6:00 pm	Bunco 4 Missions
Friday—April 12	12:00 pm	Meta Evans Memorial Service
Saturday—April 13	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship
Sunday—April 14	9:00 am	3rd Sunday after Easter
Tuesday—April 16	2:00—8:30 pm	Directory Pictures
Wednesday—April 17	12:00—6:30 pm	Directory Pictures
Wednesday—April 17	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Friday—April 19	10:00 am	Mission Team
Sunday—April 21	9:00 am	4th Sunday after Easter
Wednesday—April 24	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday—April 28	9:00 am	5th Sunday after Easter
		10th Anniversary Covered Dish

Birthdays



Tuesday, April 9 Chris Beck
Saturday, April 13 JoAn Moses

Coffee Fellowship

April

4-14 Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill
4-21 **Volunteer Needed**
4-28 **10th Anniversary**
Covered Dish



Altar Flowers

April

4-7 Jon & Dorene Tichenor
4-14 Bill & JoAn Moses
4-21 Alicia DeLong
4-28 **Volunteer Needed**



To sign up for Coffee Fellowship:
Call: Church Administrator 910-400-5188
Email: citp10@7lakeschapel OR Sign up on the Podium outside the fellowship hall.

Usher/Greeters



Our thanks to Kathy Reszka for her years of service to God by coordinating and training a most important group of volunteers...the Usher/Greeters. As Kathy retires from this position and our Board seeks new leadership, it creates an opportunity for more of us to consider becoming a part of this essential ministry.

Our Usher/Greeters create the first welcoming impression of our Chapel to the many visitors who walk through our doors, they offer hugs and handshakes to all our regular returning members, and they are essential to the smooth running of our worship services. From guiding folks with young children to the nursery, to offering bulletins, to the passing of the Welcome Pads and the collection of all our tithes and offerings. Worship would simply not be the same without them.

Won't you volunteer to serve as an Usher/Greeter?

Nursery Volunteers

A vital ministry in any church is the Nursery, allowing parents of young children and of visiting families the opportunity to worship with us on Sunday mornings. Please consider volunteering in the Nursery on Sunday mornings or for special services.



Won't you volunteer to serve in our Nursery?



Church Library

Volunteers are also needed to help organize our Church Library located downstairs. Please consider volunteering to help organize our Church Library.

Won't you volunteer in our Church Library?

Should any of these opportunities sound of interest, please drop a note in our collection plat or give Susan a call in the Chapel office this week. (910) 400-5188.





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