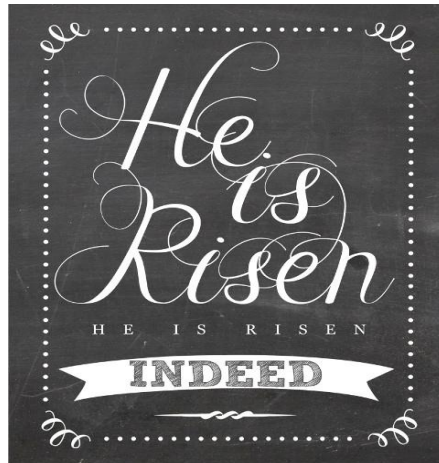


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*Our vision: All people will **know God** personally through Jesus Christ.*

*Our mission: Inward **searching**, outward **seeking**, **forward** together with Jesus Christ.*

*Psalm 139:23--**Search** me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

*Luke 19:10 -- For the Son of Man came to **seek** and to save the lost.*

*Matthew 4:19 -- "**Come, follow** Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."*

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TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS NOTES: *Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PASTOR: Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

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CALL TO WORSHIP & MAY MEMORY VERSE:

"Children obey your parents, in the Lord, for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Chorus Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God.
Come.

Verse One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

Chorus Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
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Come. Come. Come.

THE CHILDREN'S TIME: Trust and follow Jesus. He gives you power, love, and self-control.

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

The Introduction: *In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

The Reading:

²²So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. ²³For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown god.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; ²⁵nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; ²⁶and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of

their habitation, ²⁷that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.' ²⁹Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. ³⁰Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, ³¹because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

(Lector: This is the word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The Introduction: *The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

The Reading:

¹³ Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, ¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; ¹⁶ and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong. ¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might

bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹ in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, ²⁰ who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. ²¹ Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you – not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

The Introduction: *In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

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THE PASTORAL PRAYER and SERMON:

"Now you see Him! (But there are ways you don't!)"

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

Verse 1 I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me,
Because You died and rose again.
(repeat Verse 1)

Chorus Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; and it's my joy to honor You.
In all I do, I honor You.

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Bridge You are my King, You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

Chorus Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?
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THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

PRAYERS

THE SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE:

MINUTE FOR MISSION: 1) *We're on Facebook Live Wednesday 11:45 a.m. (www.facebook.com/ctkbham)*
2) *Please send us your updated contact info*

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THE OFFERING OF PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 BLESSING, PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

“10,000 Reasons”

Chorus Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Instrumental

Verse 3 And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Chorus Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Ending I'll worship Your holy name, I'll worship Your holy name.

THE DISMISSAL:

P: In the strength of Christ, let's go in peace; and serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

EASTER POSTLUDE CHORUS: “You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

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