



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 31st, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Seth Lirette
- Hymn "The Day of Resurrection"
- Hymn "Low in the Grave He Lay"
- The Reading of the Word — *Psalm 22:1-31* Dirk de Waal
- Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
- The Interlude Instrumentalists
- The Sermon — *"If Christ Be Risen, Then What?" (Matthew 28:1-10, I Corinthians 15:1-19)* Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
- The Benediction Dirk de Waal
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Prayer
- Trinity Hymnal No. 685 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
- The First Reading — *Luke 22:1-46* Seth Lirette
- Baptist Hymnal No. 547 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"
- The Second Reading — *Luke 22:47-23:25* Prashant Thakkar
- Baptist Hymnal No. 175 "Man of Sorrows"
- The Third Reading — *Luke 23:25-56* Dirk de Waal
- Hymn "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"
- The Fourth Reading — *Luke 24:1-52* Pastor Winn
- Hymn "In Christ Alone"
- Baptist Hymnal No. 253 "The Doxology"
- The Benediction
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

If Christ Be Risen

The hardest thing in the world seems to be to keep people to this truth, for I have noticed that much of the modern-thought doctrine is nothing but old self-righteousness tricked out again. It is bidding men still to trust in themselves, to trust in their moral character, to trust in their spiritual aspirations, or something or other. I stand here to say to you that the basis of your hope is not even your own faith, much less your own good works, but it is what Christ has done once for all, for “ye are complete in him,” and you can never be complete in any other way. Paul does not say that your being forgiven and saved depends upon your sincerity and your earnestness. You must be sincere and earnest, Christ is not yours if you are not, but still, you may be very sincere, and very earnest, and yet be wrong all the while, and the more sincere and earnest you are in a wrong way, the further you will go astray. The self-righteous man may be very sincere as he goes about to establish a righteousness of his own, but the more he does it, the more he ruins himself. But here is the mark for you to aim at, not at your sincerity, though there must be that, but if Christ was raised, and that is where you are resting your hopes, then you are not in your sins, but you are accepted in Christ, and justified in Him....But if Christ be risen, then I know where I am. If it be really so, that He is God in human flesh, if He took my sin, and bore the consequences of it, and made a clear sweep of it from before the judgment seat of the Most High, and if His rising again is God’s testimony that the work is done, and that Christ, who stood as substitute for me, is accepted for me, oh, hallelujah, hallelujah! What more do I need, but to praise and bless the name of Him who has saved me with an effectual salvation? Now will I work for Him. Now will I spend and be spent in His service. Now will I hate every false way,

and every sin, and seek after purity and holiness, but not, in any sense, as the groundwork of my confidence. My one hope for time and eternity is Jesus, only Jesus, Jesus crucified and risen from the dead. I do not know any passage of Scripture which, more thoroughly than this one, throws the stress where the stress must be, not on man, but on Christ alone, “If there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.” O dear hearer, if you would be saved, your salvation does not lie with yourself, but with Him who left His Father’s bosom, and came down to earth a babe at Bethlehem, and hung upon a woman’s breast, upon Him who lived here, for thirty-three years, a life of suffering and of toil, and who then took all the sin of His people upon Himself, carried it up to the tree, and there bore all the consequences of it in His own body—“Bore all that Almighty God could bear, With strength enough, but none to spare.” Jesus Christ bore that which has made God’s pardon an act of justice, and vindicated His forgiveness of sin so that none can say that He is unjust when He passes by transgression. Christ did all that, and then, dying, was laid in the tomb, but the third day, His Father raised Him from the dead in token that He spoke the truth when He said, on the cross, “It is finished.” The debt is paid now, then, O sinner, leave your prison, for your debt is paid! Are you shut up in despair on account of your debt of sin? It is all discharged if you have believed in Him who was raised from the dead. He has taken all your sin, and you are free. That handwriting of ordinances that was against you is nailed to His cross. Go your way, and sing, “The Lord is risen indeed,” and be as happy as all the birds in the air, till you are, by and by, as happy as the angels in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

March 31st
<i>Morning</i> Laurie Price & Wendy Winn
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bunny Finch and Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - April 3rd</i> Dacia Long and Katherine Ranck

Today's Sound Operator - Daniel Ranck



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEACHER TRAINING

A teacher training session will be held on Saturday, April 13th from 8 am - 12 pm. Anyone who is currently teaching, has taught in the past, or might like to teach in the future is encouraged to attend. Please see Dirk de Waal for more information.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry needs for this month are canned veggies, beans, & rice. This is a great benevolent ministry of our church and a way to show Christian love to our neighbors and fellow brothers and sisters. As you shop for groceries this week, please add a few of these items to your list to help support this ministry.

