

April 5, 2015
Easter Sunday



Cypress Ridge
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today. We would love for you to become a regular part of what God is doing in and through Cypress Ridge Church. If you would like more information about the CRPC church family, please fill out the information card and place it in the offering plate later in the service. We encourage you to check out our website which has more information about our church:
www.cypressridge-pca.org

WE HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN

1. Children are welcome to remain in the Worship Center for the entire service. Our service is typically no longer than one hour and 15 minutes.
2. There is a fully staffed nursery and pre-school room. The nursery is for infants thru 1 year olds. The pre-school room is for 2-3 year olds.
3. Because children are so important to the Lord and to us, children of all ages are invited to come forward for prayer near the beginning of our worship service.
4. Following the Children's Prayer, children may return to their seats or go to Children's Worship.
5. Children's Worship is offered for those from age 4 thru 3rd grade. CW includes music, Bible teaching, craft, and a light snack. Children are brought back to the Worship Center before Communion.
6. There is a cry room at the back of the Worship Center where parents can take their child(ren) during the service.

If you have any questions concerning child care options, please speak to one of our ushers at the entrance of the Worship Center.

About the Cover: Mary Magdalene, Mary & Salom walking up to the bright empty tomb of Jesus Christ early Sunday morning, showing Golgotha in the background. From gograph.com.

The LORD Gathers The Nations

We believe that God, in His three-fold person of Father, Son, and Spirit, out of His grace and love for humanity calls the world to worship Him. Each week we come not in perfection, but with our troubles and questions. As a Christian community, we meet with God in a special way on the first day of the week. Community worship is vital to a healthy relationship with God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

[Please silence your mobile devices]

Reflection

Luke 24:36

As the disciples were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"

[Prepare your hearts for worship in silent prayer/meditation]

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

†Call to Worship

Based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

†Congregation stands

†Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

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†Hymn

Up from the Grave He Arose

**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus, my Savior
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord**

**Up from the grave he arose
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes
He arose a victor from the dark domain
And he lives for ever with his saints to reign
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus, my Savior
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord**

**Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord**

(Chorus)

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[Children ages 4 through 3rd grade may leave for Children's Church]

[Parents, please notify leaders of any food allergies]

The LORD Reveals Himself To The World

God calls the nations to follow him. He does this primarily through the reading and exposition of his Word, the Old and New Testaments. We typically read verses from both testaments to help us see and understand the continuity of God's redemptive plan to save His people.

Old Testament Reading (Bible Page 586)

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

New Testament Reading (Bible Page 835)

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and

behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”

⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Notes

†Hymn

He is Lord

**He is Lord, He is Lord
He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord**

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† Hymn

**Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely you have bled for us**

**Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave!
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave!**

**Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim**

(Chorus)

**Oh death, where is your sting?
Oh hell, where is your victory?
Oh church, come stand in the light!
The glory of God has defeated the night!
Oh death, where is your sting?
Oh hell, where is your victory?
Oh church, come stand in the light!
Our God is not dead, He's alive! He's alive!**

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The LORD Forgives Our Sins

We respond to God's revelation by acknowledging that we are not perfect. Therefore, we need the Savior, Jesus Christ. He invites us to bring Him all our faults and brokenness. Because of His gracious love, He forgives all our sins.

†Confession of Sin

1 Corinthians 15:54b-57

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord as we pray together:

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

[Silent time of confession]

†Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 15:22

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Through faith in our risen Savior, Jesus, your sins are pardoned.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

†Greet One Another in Peace

†Hymn

**Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears
Before the throne my Surety stands
Before the throne my Surety stands
My name is written on His hands**

*(Men) Arise, (Women) arise, (M) arise, (W) arise, (M) arise
(Unison) Arise, my soul, arise (2x)*

Shake off your guilty fears and rise

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The LORD Calls Us To Pray

God calls us to live a life of faith. Faith requires prayer. Through prayer we seek His will, trusting that He will do what is best for us.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Our Missionaries for the month of April are Bruce and Jaye Hansen (members of CRPC) working through the Literacy and Evangelism for the Caribbean mission group. They are in the process of teaching teachers in Haiti to help parents to learn to read. Please pray for Bruce & Jaye to sell their house and that through reading many will come to know the Lord as well.

Congregational Prayer

1 Chronicles 16:11

Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

Let us offer our praises, prayers, and petitions to the Lord.

(Individual prayers may be offered at this time)

Risen Lord Jesus, you are our high priest who has passed through the heavens. Truly you were tested as we are and yet without sin. With boldness we approach your throne, deeply assured of your mercy and grace in our time of need. Amen.

**I need Thee, O I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

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Worship includes returning to God and His work a portion of our material possessions as tithes and offerings. We ask Him to use the generosity of His people to continue and to advance the work of His church.

Offering

Living God, you have given us so much in Jesus Christ: hope, joy, and peace. Above all, you have given us life! What can we give in return? If the whole world were ours, it would not be enough. What little we have we humbly offer to you. Many thanks are due unto you. Amen.

†Hymn

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

**Bread of the world, in mercy broken
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed
By Whom the words of life were spoken
And in Whose death our sins are dead**

**Have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us (2x)**

**So let us come to the feast of Jesus
Let us eat of the Bread of Life
Let us drink of the wine, His blood
To talk and dine with Jesus Christ**

**Look on the heart by sorrow broken
Look on the tears by sinners shed
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed**

**Here is mercy, here is mercy
Here is mercy for us (2x)**

**So let us come to the feast of Jesus
Let us eat of the Bread of Life
Let us drink of the wine, His blood
To talk and dine with Jesus Christ**

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The LORD Communes With His People

The climax of our worship with God is sitting at a Table with Him. We come to the Table full of thankfulness and joy because of His grace. God has moved us from death to life, from darkness to light, and from separation to communion.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

The LORD Sends Us Out Into The World

God does not save us simply from something. He saves us to something ... to be His messengers of redemption to a lost and fallen world. He sends us out redeemed, loved, and with a purpose. We are called to bear witness to what He is doing in our lives where we live, work, and play. Praise be to God!

†Benediction

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!

†Benediction hymn

Tri-fold Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: See p. 14-15

THE MISSION: Each week there is a basket available for you to contribute needed supplies to The Mission. The Mission is a local charity which supplies necessary items for those in need. Below you will find a list of their current needs.

- Hygiene: Soap/shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors
- Food: Oatmeal, hot & cold cereal, peanut butter, crackers
- Canned Meals: Ravioli, stew, Spaghetti's, soups

THE BACKPORCH GROUP: The BPG last meeting for this school year will be April 8 @ 10:30. We will resume in the fall.

SNACK & CHAT: Please sign up on the table in the Fellowship Area if you are interested in serving our congregation in this way.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship.....	10:30 am
Monday	Women's Bible Study.....	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study.....	9:30 am
Wednesday	The Boathouse	6:00 pm
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	Men's Sunrise Bible Study	7:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

JESSIE SCHMUCKER WEDDING SHOWER: APRIL 19

LADIES NIGHT OUT: MAY 2

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operating Fund thru 3/29/15	Last Week	Y-T-D
Targeted Budget for 2015	5,135	66,750
Tithes & Offerings	2,794	63,916

PRAYER AND PRAISE UPDATES

Prayer –

- For Ian Jones as he returns to Burkina Faso, West Africa, and for his family which remain in the States for now.
- That Christ's name and resurrection be heard and impact lives from Winter Haven, to Polk County, throughout the United States, and even to the ends of the earth..

Praise –

- For the opportunity Alan & Kara Jostes had to see both Landon and Leah during spring break.
- That God is doing a mighty work at CRPC.

APRIL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Jim Andersen

Usher of the Month: Terry Schmucker

Ushers: Don Copeland
Alan Jostes
Bruce Hansen
Mike Sakko

Communion: Mike & Sherry Sakko

Greeters: 5 - Don & Linda Paris
12 - Bruce & Jaye Hansen
19 - Bill & Edna Kelder
26 - Steve & Ellen Thornton

Nursery: 5 - Preschool: Jaye Hansen & Ellen Thornton
Infant: TBD
12 - Preschool: Ellen Thornton & TBD
- Infant: Kara Jostes
19 - Preschool: David Holdener & TBD
- Infant: TBD
26 - Preschool: Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones
Infant: Amber Smith

Snacks: 5 - Easter
12 -
19 - Sharon Rice & Muriel Baker
26 -

Counters: 5 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter
12 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter
19 - Charles Burkett & Josh Howell
26 - Charles Burkett & Josh Howell

April Birthdays

- 4/8 Wayne Luchenbill
- 4/9 Jim Fuday
- 4/11 Ellen Thornton
- 4/11 Frank Kockler
- 4/15 David Luchenbill
- 4/19 Bud Othoson
- 4/22 Jessie Schmucker
- 4/23 Paul Pletcher
- 4/26 Cindy Luchenbill
- 4/30 José Del Valle

April Anniversaries

- 4/1 Terry & Kim Schmucker
- 4/16 Wayne & Jackie Wheeler

WEEKLY COMMUNION WORSHIP

At Cypress Ridge we believe that the Lord ministers to us in both the hearing of the Word (what we call the ‘sermon’) and the visible Word (what we call ‘communion’ or ‘The Lord’s Table’).

The **Lord’s Supper** is observed every Sunday as the climax of worship at Cypress Ridge. As we partake of this meal we are reminded of Jesus Christ’s presence with us, his words to do this often in remembrance of him, and as a statement of our faith and trust in him alone for our salvation.

CHURCH SEASON: EASTERTIDE

All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most celebrative day of the church year. The Easter morning service is a time of joy, celebration, and renewal. The liturgical colors are white and gold. In contrast to the somber starkness of Holy Week, on Easter the worship space should be bright and celebratory. Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in one day, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide, the “Great Fifty Days” that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Day	Psalm	OT	NT
Mon.	32	Gen. 25:1-18	Luke 24:13-32
Tues.	33:1-12	Gen. 25:19-28	John 20:19-25
Wed.	33:13-22	Gen. 25:29-34	John 20:26-31
Thurs.	34:1-10	Gen. 26:1-11	John 21:1-14
Fri.	34:11-22	Gen. 26:12-22	John 21:15-25
Sat.	35:1-16	Gen. 26:23-35	Luke 24:33-49

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

We believe the New Testament establishes two offices for the church: Elders (also called overseers or bishops) and deacons. The church is lead through the officers it elects as they seek to follow the Lord in all things. Therefore, nominating and electing men that are qualified and “called” to these offices is a very important duty of the congregation.

The PCA’s Book of Church Order has established a method for choosing new officers.

First, the Session opens nominations. The CRPC’s Session has established April as the month to nominate men for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Our Session is asking CRPC’s members to begin prayerfully reading scriptures pertaining to the offices of Elder and Deacon. The following scriptures are helpful: 2 Timothy 3:1-13 (printed below), Titus 1:5-9, 1 Peter 5:1-5, Acts 6:1-7.

Second, in April, CRPC’s members are to approach men who they believe are qualified to serve in one of the offices, seeking their approval to nominate them. If the man (men) agrees, CRPC members are then to submit a signed note with the nominees name(s) to the Session.

Third, the elders will begin the training process with the nominees. The training process includes teaching and training nominees in areas such as theology, evangelism, leadership, and congregational care.

Fourth, after the teaching and training is concluded, the elders will examine the men for readiness to serve. Those ready to serve will be presented to the congregation. The congregation will then vote on a motion to elect the new officers. This will be in the early fall.

I Timothy 3:1-13:

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer (elder), he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity

keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

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Sunday School @ 9:15 am

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