

April 26, 2015
4th Sunday of Easter



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. Typically, our service is 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: Painting by James Jacques Tissot (French painter and illustrator, 1836-1902). Nearly all of Tissot's paintings of the Life of Christ (1884-1896) are rendered in opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper and are owned by the Brooklyn Museum, New York. In Matthew there are seven woes. In Luke, our passage for today, there are six woes.

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

God is King: Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: his rule has begun! The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

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

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

†Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

†Hymn

O Worship the King

**O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise**

[Hymn continues on next page]

†Congregation stands

**O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm**

**You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light**

**O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend**

(Chorus)

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†Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it
Mount of thy redeeming love**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood**

[Hymn continues on next page]

**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

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Prayer for Children

[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 the Bible as contained in 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 458)

Psalms 24:3-5, 15

^{24:3} Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

^{15:1} O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? ² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; ³ who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; ⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; ⁵ who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

³⁷ While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. ³⁸ The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. ³⁹ And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.

⁴² "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ⁴³ Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴ Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it."

⁴⁵ One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also." ⁴⁶ And he said, "Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

**Your blood speaks a better word
 Than all the empty claims I've heard upon this earth
 Speaks righteousness for me
 And stands in my defense
 Jesus it's Your blood**

**What can wash away our sins?
 What can make us whole again?
 Nothing but the blood
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus
 What can wash us pure as snow?
 Welcomed as the friends of God
 Nothing but Your blood
 Nothing but Your blood King Jesus**

**Your cross testifies in grace
 Tells of the Father's heart to make a way for us
 Now boldly we approach
 Not by earthly confidence
 It's only by Your blood**

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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

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my
 sin!

With sincerity of heart, let us confess our sins:

**Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love. In your
 great tenderness wipe away my offences. Wash me from my**

guilt. Purify my heart. For against you alone have I sinned. Lord, you delight in sincerity of heart. Create in me a clean heart. Teach me wisdom. Give me the forgiveness that is found in Christ and in Christ alone. In His name, Amen.

[Silent time of confession]

† Assurance of Pardon

from Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ... , and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Through faith, you are washed clean in the blood of the Lamb.

Thanks be to you, O Lord!

† Greet One Another in Peace

Arise My Soul, Arise

**Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry
Nor let that ransomed sinner die**

(Men) **Arise**, (*Women*) *arise*

(Men) **Arise**, (*Women*) *arise*, (Men) **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 the Bible many will come to know the Lord.

Congregational Prayer

Psalm 5:1-2

Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning. Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

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

[Individual prayers may be offered at this time]

God, you are the one who makes us, loves us, and sustains us. You are the one who makes, loves, and sustains the world. Thank you Lord Jesus for teaching us to pray:

**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 have forgiven our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

Psalm 111:1

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we have received.

†Hymn

You Alone Can Rescue

**Who, oh Lord, could save themselves
Their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still**

**You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise**

**You, oh Lord, have made a way
The great divide You heal
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes, your love goes further still**

(Chorus)

**We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes
You're the Giver of Life.**

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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 (KJV)

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise 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. 17-18

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: To meet the new PCA Guidelines for call packages for pastors, the Session is calling a special Congregational Meeting for today, Sunday, April 26 to approve the breakdown of Pastor Tom's financial package. This will be a brief meeting.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Cancelled for this week.

YOUTH MINISTRY ONE NIGHT RETREAT: Friday, May 1, the youth will meet at CRPC at 6:00 for dinner and a overnight retreat/work project. They will be worshiping the Lord and painting "The Boathouse." It will conclude after breakfast at the Luchenbill's home at 10:00 Saturday.

IDEA'S BOX: You will notice on the small round table in the back of the sanctuary is a box for the purpose of writing ideas you would like to see happen at Cypress Ridge. Please put on your thinking caps and let the ideas flow. Write them down (as many as you want) and PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME ON EACH ONE.

DIRECTORY: We are updating the CRPC Directory. Please check your information to insure accuracy. Add, verify or change the following: Name, address, phone numbers, email addresses, birthdates and anniversary dates. Please complete ASAP.

VBS: The King is Coming! Date will be July 6-10 from 6-8 pm. VBS is for children 4 yrs. - 5 grade

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operating Fund thru 4/19/15	Last Week	Y-T-D
Targeted Budget for 2015	5,135	82,154
Tithes & Offerings	4,464	80,734

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday Sunday School9:15 am
 Worship.....10:30 am
 Congregational Meeting..... 12:00 pm

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday The Boathouse 6:00 pm
 Men’s Bible Study 7:00 pm

Thursday

Friday The Boathouse Overnighter 6:00 pm

Saturday Men’s Sunrise Bible Study7:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH OVERNIGHTER: MAY 1
INSTALLATION SERVICE & RECEPTION FOR TOM: MAY 31
VBS DATES: JULY 6-10

PRAYER AND PRAISE UPDATES

Prayer –

- That Laverne Ford adjust to her new home at Lake Howard Heights.

Praise –

- That Pastor Tom and Sandy were able to have some away time this past week and are home safely.

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: 26 - Steve & Ellen Thornton

Nursery: 26 - Preschool: Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones
Infant: Amber Smith

Snacks: 26 - Don & Roxanne Copeland

Counters: 26 - Charles Burkett & Josh Howell

April Birthdays

4/26 Cindy Luchenbill

4/30 José Del Valle

MAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Don Paris

Usher of the Month: Leopold Jean-Bart

Ushers: Ken Harrison
Stephen Roe
Bill Kelder
Johnny Brown

Greeters: 3 - Karen Brown & Sharon Rice
10 - Paul & Sheryl Bacheldor
17 - Tom & Dee Floyd
24 - Frank & Terry Kockler
31 - Franz & Violene Genisse

Nursery: 3 - Preschool: Linda Paris & Jaye Hansen
Infant: TBD
10 - Preschool: Kim Schmucker
Infant: TBD
17 - Preschool: David Holdener & Sheryl Bacheldor
Infant: Renae Anderson
24 - Preschool: Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones
Infant: Kim Schmucker
31 - Preschool: Kim Schmucker
Infant: TBD

Snacks: 3 - Bruce & Jaye Hansen
10 - Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones
17 - Jon & Betty Parmerter
24 - TBD
31 - Ken & Janice Harrison

Communion: Charles & Shirley Burkett

Counters: 3 - Ken Harrison & Mike Sakko
10 - Ken Harrison & Mike Sakko
17 - Ken Harrison & Mike Sakko
24 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
31 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Birthdays

- 5/7 Destin LeBlanc
- 5/8 Haley Andersen
- 5/8 Katie Lee
- 5/12 David Reyes
- 5/15 Jackie Lawrence
- 5/25 Wayne Andersen
- 5/28 Karen Othoson
- 5/30 Jim Andersen
- 5/30 Melissia Pletcher

Anniversaries

- 5/5 Seth & Monica Pendergast
- 5/7 Paul & Melissia Pletcher
- 5/21 Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

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

Eastertide is the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The Good News of Easter cannot be contained in a single day’s celebration. Eastertide is called by some, the “Great Fifty Days” that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration of the resurrection, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>NT</u>
Mon.	44:1-8	Gen. 30:37-43	Acts 5:12-21a
Tues.	44:9-16	Gen. 31:1-16	Acts 5:21b-32
Wed.	44:17-26	Gen. 31:17-32	Acts 5:33-42
Thurs.	45:1-9	Gen. 31:33-42	Acts 6:1-15
Fri.	45:10-17	Gen. 31:43-55	Acts 7:1-22
Sat.	46	Gen. 32:1-12	Acts 7:23-29

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 and seek their approval to nominate them. If the man (men) agrees, submit the Nominee Form to a Session or Diaconate member.

Third, the nominees will begin the training process. 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.

Nomination(s) for Elder and/or Deacon

Please submit before April 30
To a current Pastor, Elder or Deacon

Your Name _____

1) Name of the Person Nominated _____

Nominated to Elder or Deacon? _____

Nominees Signature _____

2) Name of the Person Nominated _____

Nominated to Elder or Deacon? _____

Nominees Signature _____

3) Name of the Person Nominated _____

Nominated to Elder or Deacon? _____

Nominees Signature _____

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