

Immanuel, God with us in our nature, in our sorrow, in our lifework, in our punishment, in our grave, and now with us, or rather we with Him, in resurrection, ascension, triumph, and Second Advent splendor.

C. H. Spurgeon

I gave Him a crown of thorns, He gave me a crown of righteousness. I gave Him a cross to carry, He gave me His yoke which is easy, His burden which is light. I gave Him nails through His hands, He gave me safely into His Father's hands from which no power can pluck me. I gave Him a mock title, 'This is the King of the Jews.' He gave me a new name and made me a king and a priest to God. I gave Him no covering, stripping His clothes from Him, He gave me a garment of salvation. I gave Him mockery, casting the same in His teeth, He gave me Paradise. I gave Him vinegar to drink, He gave me Living Water. I crucified and slew Him on a tree, He gave me eternal life. It was my sinfulness that put Him there. It is His sinlessness that puts me here.

Derick Bingham

The attributes of God, once so full of terror, are become [the Christian's] shield, his stronghold, and his triumph; and he can think of all the glorious perfections of the Almighty, and then say, "I will go unto God, my exceeding joy." His resistless power, His infinite wisdom, His unchanging fidelity to His word - all these are sources of triumph to everyone who, having believed in Christ, has become a child of God.

John MacDuff

# RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## T U S C A L O O S A , A L A B A M A

April 10, 2022 • 10:30 Worship Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

### Sixth Sunday in Lent

Leaders In Worship: Assisting Elder Dusty Sheppard  
Joann Williams, piano

### WELCOME

*Program all communication devices to be in silent mode. Thank you.*

### PRELUDE

*Hosanna!*

RPC Covenant Kids

*The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.*

*So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,*

*“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”*

*And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,*

*“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”*

John 12:12-15

## PRAISE

### CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 24

Pastor: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,  
for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

All: **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is the King of glory?

All: **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

All: **The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

Pastor: The King of glory came, full of grace and truth. So come, let us worship!

HYMN: 198 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near,  
the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee,  
his chariot is humility,  
his kingly crown is holiness,  
his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer come! I open wide  
my heart to thee; here, Lord abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won.

PRAYER OF PRAISE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

# CONFESSION

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SCRIPTURE READING: *Mark 10:17-22*

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

All: O God, whose nature it is to be generous: we confess to you our greed and indifference towards the needs of others. Forgive us for our self-centered living and spending; forgive us for being consumed with our comforts while forgetting that others are without necessities. Holy Spirit, change our affections and renew our minds that we would worship God with all that we have and love our neighbors in word and deed. Help us to be generous with our resources, our time, and the message of hope in Jesus Christ. Grant that this week some who have given nothing may start to give, and those who have given something may give more. Continue to shape us to reflect the image and character of our Savior. We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

# GOSPEL ASSURANCE

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**WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD:** *from 2 Corinthians 8:9; Titus 3:4-7*

**Pastor:** Lift your heads and hear words of life and peace. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**HYMN:** 230 “Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor”

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
all for love's sake becamest poor;  
thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who was rich beyond all splendor,  
all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
all for love's sake becamest man:  
stooping so low, but sinners raising,  
heav'nward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
all for love's sake, becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions and Answers 23-26

Leader: What offices does Christ execute as our redeemer?

People: **Christ, as our redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

People: **Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.**

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

People: **Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.**

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

People: **Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

**HYMN:** “Shine Thou upon Us, Lord”

Shine thou upon us, Lord, true light of men, today,  
and through the written Word thy very self display,  
that so from hearts which burn with gazing on thy face  
thy little ones may learn the wonders of thy grace.

Breathe thou upon us, Lord, thy Spirit’s living flame,  
that so with one accord our lips may tell thy name.  
Give thou the hearing ear, fix thou the wandering thought,  
that those we teach may hear the great things that thou hast wrought.

Speak thou for us, O Lord, in all we say of thee;  
according to thy Word let all our teaching be,  
that so thy lambs may know their own true Shepherd’s voice,  
where’er he leads them go, and in his love rejoice.

Live thou within us, Lord; thy mind and will be ours;  
be thou beloved, adored, and served with all our powers,  
that so our lives may teach thy children what thou art,  
and plead, by more than speech, for thee with every heart.

Shine thou upon us, Lord, true light of men, today,  
and through the written Word thy very self display.



# COMMUNION

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## HYMN: "Behold the Lamb"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember,  
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember.  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love, around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember.

He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of Heav'n around the table of the King.

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## RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

# BENEDICTION

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HYMN: 441 “Jesus Shall Reign”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er his reigns;  
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen!

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSING HYMN: 263 “Lift High the Cross”

*Refrain:*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

*(Refrain)*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

## COVENANT KIDS CLUB & YOUTH GROUP

Covenant Kids and Riverwood Youth will meet tonight at 5:30 p.m.

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who contributed Easter Baskets for Wings of Grace and snacks for Children's Ministry.

## RIDGE HAVEN SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE – APRIL 24TH

Immediately following the morning worship service on April 24th, our Ridge Haven campers will serving a Lasagna Luncheon they prepared for you to enjoy. We will be collecting donations of any amount at the door. EVERYONE, whether you can make a donation or not, is invited for a time of Fellowship and great Lasagna. There will also be a Bake Sale during the same time period. There is a rumor that a white chocolate, raspberry cheesecake will be available for sale. This year's campers are Elliot, Emory, Lundy, Hanson, Alexa, Sarah, Tristen, Edith, Eliza Kate, Abigail, Claude, and Warren.

Covenant Kid's and Riverwood Youth will not meet on Easter Sunday - April 17th.

## HOMELESS CONNECT WITH LOVE INC

You can make a difference in our local homeless community on April 30. For more information go to [www.loveinctuscaloosa.com/homeless-connect/550-2/](http://www.loveinctuscaloosa.com/homeless-connect/550-2/)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 14	Maundy Thursday Service (6 p.m.)
April 17	Easter Sunrise Service (6:30 a.m.)
April 24	Ridgehaven Fundraiser Luncheon and Bake Sale

## *Through March 2022*

Operating Income:	\$119,326.63
Operating Expense*:	\$120,466.92
Net Income:	(\$1,140.29)
Designated gifts:	\$42,990.36
Building loan balance:	\$686,898.83

*\*Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment*

