

* **Call to Worship:** based on I Peter 1:3-5
 Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed.
 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.

* **Christ the Lord is Risen Today** #289:1,3 (HFG)
 Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
 Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
 Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
 Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply: 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!

* **Christ Arose** #298:1,3 (HFG)
 Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior!
 Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain: 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 forever with His saints to reign;
 He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death could not keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!
 He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

* **He Lives** #299:1,3 (HFG)
 I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
 I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
 I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
 And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Refrain: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
 He walks with me and talks with me
 Along life's narrow way.
 He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
 You ask me how I know He lives?
 He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and sing
 Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
 The Hope of all who seek Him the Help of all who find,
 None other is so loving, so good and kind.

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The Easter Story: *Matthew 28:1-10*

See, What a Morning

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
 With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
 Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
 As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
 See God's salvation plan,
 Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
 Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
 For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
 Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
 Honor and blessing, glory and praise
 To the King crowned with pow'r and authority.
 And we are raised with Him;
 Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
 And we shall reign with Him,
 For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
 Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Lamb of God*

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* **Oh, to See the Dawn**
 Oh, to see the dawn, of the darkest day,
 Christ on the road to Calvary.
 Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then,
 Nailed to a cross of wood.

Refrain: This, the power of the cross;
 Christ became sin for us.
 Took the blame, bore the wrath,
 We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain, written on the face,
 Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
 Every bitter thought, every evil deed,
 Crowning Your bloodstained brow. *Refrain*

Oh, to see my name, written in the wounds,
 For through Your suffering I am free.
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
 Won through Your selfless love. *Refrain*

* **Scripture:** *I Corinthians 1:18-25 (ESV)* pg. 1193
¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,
 "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Foolishness of the Cross*

Prayer

* indicates to stand if able

* **Crown Him with Many Crowns** #345:1,3 (HFG)
Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Our God Reigns**

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns; our God reigns!

Refrain: Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

Out of the tomb he came with grace and majesty;
He is alive, He is alive.
God loves us so – see here His hands, His feet, His side.
Yes, we know He is alive. *Refrain*

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

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The Foolishness of the Cross

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Why is the cross folly to the world?

The cross was a stumbling block to the Jews for two reasons.

The cross was folly to the Greeks for two reasons.

Where does the world say we will find salvation?

How is cross the power of God and the wisdom of God?

Consider the power of Christ.

Consider the wisdom of Christ.

Implications and application.

