

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 30, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

*Congregation asked to stand if able when indicated by **

Prelude

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him all the earth! Psalm 96:9

*Call to Worship

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy, to the living God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! Psalm 84:1,2,4,10,12

*Hymn of Adoration #111

“This Is My Father’s World”

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Faith - Westminster Larger Catechism

Q186: What rule has God given for our direction in the duty of prayer?

A186: The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in the duty of praying, but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer that our Savior Christ taught His disciples, commonly called “the Lord’s Prayer.”

Call to Confession

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices. Colossians 3:5-9

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proven that we are guilty in your sight. Our prayers have been uttered from prayerless hearts. Our praise has often been praiseless in its sound: our best works are filthy

rags. Holy God, We acknowledge and confess, that we are guilty before you. In our own works we are unworthy of your smallest kindnesses and most worthy of your fiercest wrath and heaviest judgments. Forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all of unrighteousness we pray.

Assurance of Pardon

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

Hymn of Thanksgiving - Insert Children’s Sermon

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Pastoral Prayer 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Tithes and Offerings

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33

*Doxology #731

(Tallis Canon)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation #634

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

*Reading of Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (pg. 1222)

*Gloria Patri #735

(Gretorex)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: “The Importance of the Resurrection”

Danny Ruth

*Hymn of Response #277

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*Benediction

Announcements and upcoming events:

May 4th - 12 pm - National Day of Prayer on the Natchez bluff at noon. This is put on by the Ministerial Alliance of Adams County. Bring a bagged lunch and chair and join us for your lunch hour as we pray together as a community. Pastor John will be participating in the prayer time.

May 7th - Celebrating 30 years of New Covenant; Ligon Duncan to preach; dinner on the grounds

May 9th - 9 am - Host 165th stated meeting of Grace Presbytery

May 11th - 12pm - 1 pm. Bible Study. We will plan to study from 12:15 - 12:45. Plan to come and go as your schedule permits. Pastor John will be teaching on the book of Acts. Bring your lunch and invite a friend as we study the Bible together.

Nursery Schedule

April 30: Kati Trotter

May 7: Beth Bee

May 14: Hannah Griffing

May 21: Ruthie Hinton

May 28: Nancy Hungerford



Church Leadership at New Covenant

Ruling Elders (Session) – Joseph Byrne, Tommy Ellett, Richard Griffing

Elder Emeritus – Frank Heard *Teaching Elder* - John Franklin

Treasurer- Andy Montgomery

Nursery is provided in Decker Hall for children under 5 years old.

Sermon audio is available on our website

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