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"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. (Revelation 1:8)



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### Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

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Musician ..... Mr. Frederick Bolden  
Pastor ..... The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles**

**Scripture Sentences**

**Chimes**

**Preparation for Worship (responsive)**

*from Psalm 118:14-29*

**Pastor:** The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

**People:** *I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.*

**Pastor:** I thank you, Lord that you have answered me and have become  
my salvation.

**People:** *You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.*

**ALL:** *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

**Call to Worship (unison):** Eternal God: you were present at the beginning; you hold in being all that now is; you will be there at the end. You alone are worthy of worship! Open our ears to hear what you are saying to us, so that we may know who you call us to be and what you want us to do; for yours is the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*Gathering in Song**

*"Worship Christ the Risen King"*

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**Welcome and Recognition of Visitors**

**\* Passing of the Peace +**

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: *And also with you!*

**ALL: Let us now share the peace of God with one another.**

*(Congregation greets one another, exchanging words of peace.)*

**Announcements and Celebrations**

**Worship in Song**

"Praise Him!"

The Choir

**Prayer Concerns**

**Invitation to Prayer (unison)**

*(from Isaiah 41:10)*

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." These words speak to us today as we try to live our lives, sometimes not knowing if we have done right or if we can live right. These words speak to us when we are hurting and feel as though we have no value to any one. These words speak to us when we feel isolated and afraid. These words remind us to trust God's promise of forgiveness, wholeness, and healing in Him.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

*All: 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.*

**Prayer Response**

"Something About That Name"

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**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson**

The Revelation to John 1: 4-8

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**Special Music**

The Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

Pastor Bolden

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn of Commitment**                      *"He Arose"*                      (insert)

**\*An Affirmation of Faith**                      *from the New Testament scriptures*

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

**\* Gloria Patri** ..... *"Glory Be to the Father"* ..... # 623

*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.*

### The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

**\* Offertory Prayer**    The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

**\* Choral Response**

*All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

## WE GO OUT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

**\*Charge and Benediction**    The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

**We Carry Our Light Into the World**

*"Redeemed!" (verse 1 & chorus) # 521*

\*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**For our nation and its leadership**, for our state and local officials, and those elected to national office— **for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation; for a capacity to seek the greater good** instead of personal gain; for families who are separated .

**For the leaders of other countries, and the efforts of all who seek to bring peace to the world**—for Russia; for Venezuela; for North and South Korea; for Iran; for Israel/Palestine; for Syria; for The Congo

**For our enemies**, both personal and national, including terrorists

**For our pastor and his family; for our ministry together**

**For unity in the Church, cooperation among denominations, for people of other faiths and for those who have no faith**

**For all who mourn** the deaths of loved ones and friends: **for the Bruer family**; for victims of violence: *for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region; victims of mass shootings throughout the world; the families who have lost their homes and loved ones in wildfires; survivors of natural disasters* and manmade accidents, & for those who work to help them rebuild their lives; for those suffering from famine and hunger; *for refugees*

**For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction, for those recovering from illness or surgery:** Priscilla Preston, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, The Roberson family, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (Parkinson's); Robert Woodworth; health care workers and researchers; for the elderly; Danielle

**For our children and youth;** for their teachers & school staff; for those in our neighborhood; for those who work with young people and seek to bring them to Christ and to nurture their faith in him

**For our service men and women and their families**

**For those who seek employment, for the under-employed, for the homeless, for those who are in fear of losing their homes or their jobs; for those under stress at work and at home.**

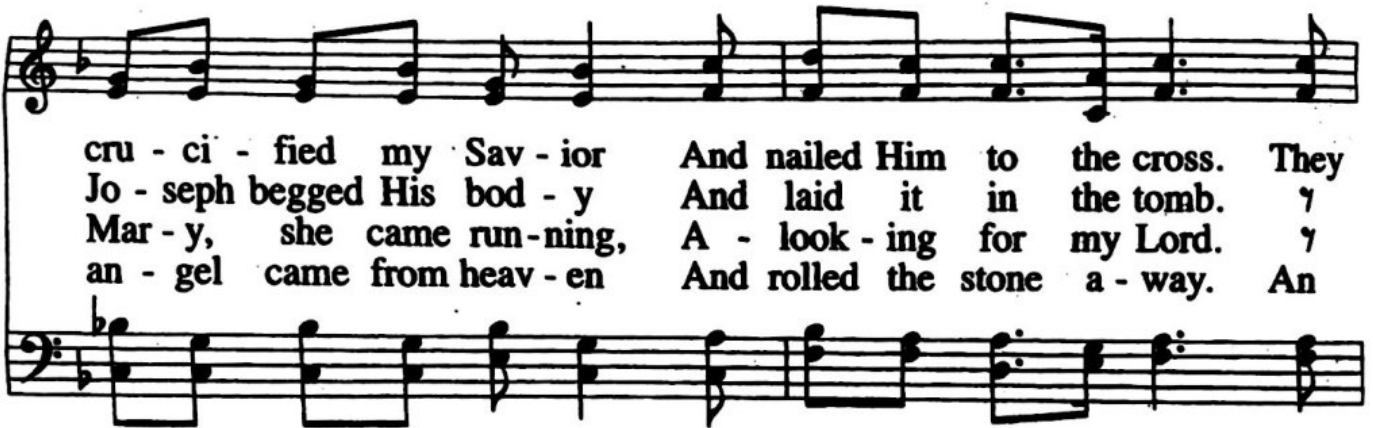
**For broken hearts and broken relationships; for those absent from our fellowship for any reason.**

# 280 HE AROSE

*Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here.*  
 Mark 16:6



1. They cru - ci - fied my Sav - ior And nailed Him to the cross. They  
 2. 7 Jo - seph begged His bod - y And laid it in the tomb. 7  
 3. 7 Mar - y, she came run - ning, A - look - ing for my Lord. 7  
 4. An an - gel came from heav - en And rolled the stone a - way. An



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And the Lord will bear my spir - it home.

He 'rose, He 'rose, He 'rose from the dead, He

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He 'rose, He 'rose, He

Lord will bear my spir - it home.

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# Welcome !



We are so glad that you decided to share with us in worship today! Whether we are young or old, longtime worshipers or here for the first time, whether we come full of joy or confidence or doubts or sorrow, in this place, by the grace and mercy of God-in-Christ, we are family.

Feel at peace in how you express praise for the Lord! Whether quiet and reflective, clapping hands and stomping feet, shouts of praise and utterances to God, in this place, by the loving acceptance of Jesus, we are family. Please feel at home!

We hope to see you here again soon.  
Anyone who is interested in joining this part of Christ's church should speak to the pastor or one of the elders.

*If we can assist you - through prayer, a phone call or a listening ear - please let us know what help we may provide. Call the church: 540.342.0264, or speak to one of us after worship.*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
*(2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV)*