



**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION**

**Easter Sunday**

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.’”* Matthew 28:5-6

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude **“Christ Arose”**  
Mindy Cable and Jane Meltzer

*“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.” Psalm 37:7*

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a green prayer card and pass it to the center aisle as they will be collected during the first hymn and included during the prayer time)

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished! The marvelous light of hope has come!

**People:** *Were you there when He rose up from the dead?  
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?  
Oh! Sometimes I feel like shouting “Glory! Glory! Glory!”*  
*Were you there when He rose up from the dead?*

Leader: Death has been swallowed up in victory. The tomb was empty. Jesus is alive! Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

**People: Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!**

**WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE**

\*A Hymn #152 **“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

**WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER**

\*The Call to Confession

\*The Unison Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**THIS WEEK AT CCUPC**

<b>Today</b>	<b>4/16</b>	<b>Happy Easter!!</b> NO Sunday School or NewComer’s Class 10:00 am Worship Sanctuary NO Youth Groups
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4/17</b>	Office closed 7:00 pm Connections Packing Day Greeting Area
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/19</b>	6:15 pm Kids Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/20</b>	7:00 pm Property/Maintenance Meeting Conference Rm.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4/21</b>	5:00 pm Leaving Church for the Pittsburgh Project
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/23</b>	9:00 am Sunday School All Over NewComer’s Class Pastor’s Study 10:00 am Worship Sanctuary 11:00 am Coffee Social Greeting Area Village B
		2:00 pm Return from the Pittsburgh Project
		5:00 pm Jr. Youth Group Lower Level
		6:30 pm Middle & High School Youth Group Lower Level

**A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:**

- The **church office** will be closed tomorrow.
- The Men’s Breakfast/Bible study will meet Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.
- The **‘Tweeners Retreat** folks will leave the church on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM and head to Camp Crestfield, then return on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> around 2:15 PM. There will be no regular Youth Groups on this day.
- The **Ethnic Food Fair** is scheduled for Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> directly following worship. There will be no Youth Group Programs on this day.
- **Registration for Vacation Bible School** will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. The dates for VBS are June 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>!!! This year’s theme is: **“HERO CENTRAL!!!”**
- The **Fun Fore All Lock-In** is scheduled for Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Check out all the details in the article in this bulletin!

The **Connections Care Boxes** will be packed up tomorrow evening from **7:00 - 8:00 PM**. Come on over and help us out!! Thank you for your continued support of the Connections Ministry!

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**Feed His Sheep vs. Buy a Peep “Change”-ing Lives Contest.** . . is in full swing! You can donate your change into the bucket of your choice which will be held by our students at each door after worship. For every \$25 donated in the “peep” bucket, 5 chickens (3 female & 2 male) will be purchased and donated to those who need them most in the world. For every 50¢ donated in the “sheep” bucket, one child will be fed a hot lunch at an FLM supported school in Haiti!

**Are you Spring Cleaning??** The trailer is here for all of your flea market items!! It is open every Sunday; you can also get access during regular church office hours (Monday - Friday/9:00 AM - 2:00 PM) by obtaining the key from the office. Please remember to pack items in boxes. All boxes should be stacked at the far end of the trailer. If you are donating linens, please place them in a plastic bag and label them with the size; sheet sets can also be placed in the pillow case but they need labeled with a size. **DO NOT WRAP LINENS WITH PACKING TAPE!** The large bulky items should be placed to the left when you enter the trailer. Clothing, books, CD’s and DVD’s still go to the table at the lower lobby entrance. If you have questions call Dara Marner (724-538-5644).

Don’t miss the **Ethnic Food Fair on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. The funds we raise go to our ongoing missions, to support our mission partners like Wycliffe Bible Translators, Habitat, FLM, VOICE, the Pittsburgh Project and Cityview Church. This is always a great outreach event as we promote this to the community and we usually get a significant number of visitors. This is another great time to “invite a friend” to join you in worship and then partake in a delectable lunch.

Back by popular demand, we will once again be going to **Fun Fore All** for an **All-Night Lock-In on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Cost is \$25 per person which includes go-karts, batting cages, mini-golf, climbing tower, and non-prize games, as well as a pizza buffet and unlimited soft-drinks (You may bring additional funds for the prize games.) Arrive at the church at 9:30 PM, travel to Fun Fore All around 11:00 PM, and then parents will pick up directly from Fun Fore All at 7:00 AM on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate. Friends are more than welcome. **Please sign up and turn in your money by April 30<sup>th</sup>.** (Cash/checks payable to “CCUPC” and write “Lock-In” on the memo line)

Volunteers are needed who are ready to experience God’s unstoppable love! **“HERO CENTRAL!!!”** is coming to CCUPC! Mark your calendars for **June 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM and join the **Vacation Bible School** (VBS) leadership team as we discover how to fuel up and tune into life with God. There are lots of “helper jobs” available such as Jr. Helper (going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade through High School), Adult Helper, Group Leader and Station Helpers. We need over 50 volunteers to make this week a success. No experience necessary! Please contact Halley Bannon at 412-585-0976 (mobile) or [bannonfamily@zoominternet.net](mailto:bannonfamily@zoominternet.net) if you are interested in helping out - or mark “VBS” on the registration pad as it is passed to you this morning. Make sure you write your *“best way to reach you”* phone number so that Halley can contact you and sign you up! Registration begins May 1<sup>st</sup>!!

\*The Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Glorifying God **“We Will Glorify”**  
*We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.*

The Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of God’s People

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WE WORSHIP IN GIVING**

Our Invitation to Give  
The Offertory Adult Choir  
**“Easter Alleluia”**

\*Praising God #556 **“Praise God From Whom All Blessings”**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*The Prayer of Dedication

**WE WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION**

\*The Greeting *(Please share words of peace, encouragement, and hope)*

The Children’s Lesson and Prayer *(The children may come forward)*  
*‘The children 3 years old - Kindergarten may now leave for TLC out the back doors of the Sanctuary with Miss Gynni)*  
*‘There is no KFC today)*

Special Music Worship Team  
**“Forever (Jesus is Alive)”**

The Scripture Lesson (page 1074)  
John 20:1-18

The Sermon Pastor James M. Moran  
**“WHO HOLDS THE KEY?”**

**GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

\*A Hymn #159 **“Because He Lives”**

\*The Benediction

The Postlude Worship Team  
**“Hallelujah Chorus”**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*The flower vases are given by Ken and Lorraine Harbusch to the glory of God, and in celebration of their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

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***Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:***

Johnny Berrul (Sherry Kelly), Howard & Marietta Eklund (CCUPC members), Jessica (Kim & Gary Pugh), Karen (Jon Horvath), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Sue Kirkland (Nancy MacFarlane/Kelly Stebor), Lisa Kumnik (CCUPC member), Barry Lavery (Dale & Diane Jacobs), Kim Long (friend of CCUPC), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), the family of Robert Nixon (Carol Martin), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), Cheryl Semenko (CCUPC member), Tim (Shirl Lonie), Ann Veres (Peggy Wetzel).

The Ahlgren family would like to THANK everyone for their prayers, visits, and cards following the passing of Bill’s mother, Karen Ahlgren.

“Aunt” Mindy Cable shares her JOY and THANKSGIVING that her nephew and his wife are expecting a boy in July, and her niece and her husband are expecting a girl in September. They are the first children for both of them.

Glenn Geisel shares his THANKS to all those folks who participated in the Spring Clean-Up here at the church. A special THANKS to Boy Scout Troop #403 and their parents.

The SYMPATHY of our congregation is extended to Bob and Donna Taylor and family on the death of Bob’s brother, Bill, last week.

The SYMPATHY of our congregation is extended to Marcia Haught Wagner and family on the sudden death of her husband, Nick.

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**DID YOU KNOW. . .** that we provide a **nursery** for infants and toddlers during Sunday School *and* the worship service? It is located out the back doors of the Sanctuary to the left. After the Children’s Lesson and Prayer, children in **TLC** (Tender Loving Christians) for those who are 3 years old - Kindergarten can leave out the back doors of the Sanctuary where Miss Zirkia is waiting to take them down to the Preschool area.

. . . that there are coloring sheets and worksheets for the kids on the small table outside of the Sanctuary doors in the Greeting Area.

. . . for mothers who would prefer a bit of privacy, our nursery has a curtained off corner we call the **“Privacy Comer.”** This area can be used for nursing or for soothing your child. Any of our ushers or nursery workers will be glad to show you where it is. We love having so many growing families in church, and hope that this area will help to better serve their needs.

**Food Bank Sunday** is Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for the residents of VOICE (Victim Outreach Intervention Center). The *Items of the Month* are canned fruits and vegetables. All items should be un-opened and non-perishable (not requiring refrigeration or freezing, and no produce). If you have any questions, please check with a member of the Mission Committee, one of the pastors, or the office staff. Supporting local people who are struggling is just one way that CCUPC is trying to make a difference and to spread the love of God.

**I WAS JUST THINKING. . . By Pastor Jim**

I love worship on Easter! From my perspective, it surpasses any other day in the life of the Church for what it signifies for the people of God. Easter sets the pattern for all of our worship as each Sunday serves as a weekly reminder of the empty tomb. So, welcome on this day of celebration and victory.

In the early part of World War II, a Navy submarine was stuck on the bottom of the harbor in New York City. It seemed that all was lost. There was no electricity and the oxygen was quickly running out. In one last attempt to rescue the sailors from the steel coffin, the U.S. Navy sent a ship equipped with Navy divers to the spot on the surface, directly above the wounded submarine. A Navy diver went over the side of the ship to the dangerous depths in one last rescue attempt. The trapped sailors heard the metal boots of the diver land on the exterior surface, and they moved to where they thought the rescuer would be. In the darkness they tapped in Morse code, “Is there any hope?” The diver on the outside, recognizing the message, signaled by tapping on the exterior of the sub, “Yes, there is hope.”

Bill Self comments on that situation: “This is the picture of our dilemma as we worship this glad Easter Day. Humankind is trapped in a dreadful situation. All around we are running low on hope, and we look for a word from beyond offering it to us. This world in which we live is plagued with war and famine, mounting debt and continual destruction. The more we try to rescue ourselves the more we seem to fall behind. We wonder: Is there any hope?”

If you had been living in the Roman Empire in the first century, you would have noticed a strange custom practiced by the Christians. They would go out to their graveyards with laurel wreaths, the wreaths that had been used in Greek and Roman culture to crown the victors of athletic contests. They would take those laurel wreaths and place them on the graves. If you had asked them why, they would say, “Because we believe that in Jesus Christ we have received victory over the power of death.”

Is there any hope? Just look at the empty tomb and you will have your answer.

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**Are you New to CCUPC?** Visiting with us for the first time? We are excited you joined us for worship. To connect with us and learn more about our church family, text **WELCOME** to 724-906-4624. You are also encouraged to sign in on the registration pad passed in your pew and provide your contact information.

**Visitors...Please Help!**  
If you are a **visitor** worshipping with us today, we’d like to ask you to do us a big favor. Help us discover which of our advertising dollars are doing the most good by telling us how you found our church. When the register pad is passed to you, please fill out not only your contact information, but also check the appropriate box that tells us how you heard of us. It will be a big help.