

Sunrise 2022 April 17, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

**SUNRISE HYMN - RED HYMNAL
#216 CHRIST AROSE**

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!*

Vainly they watch His bed,
Jesus, my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus, my Lord!

Death cannot keep his Prey,
Jesus, my Savior;
He tore the bars away,
Jesus, my Lord!

Prayer of Adoration (ALL)

**Holy God of all creation
Out of darkness you called light and life
You call us to be still, to and know you are near
Because you are a God of love
You are a God who gives us hope and peace
You gave us a silent night in Christ's birth and
A joyous morning in His resurrection.
We live in awe of the amazing love you have
For us and praise you with our words, our songs
And our hearts. In the risen Christ we pray, Amen.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: Lord too often we don't look for you, we don't come to where you are or we don't believe when you are with us. Like the women and the disciples, we weep at the tomb and don't recognize your presence. We too quickly forget the promises You made, that trusting in your steadfast love we are forgiven. You defeated death but we are overwhelmed with life. Give us Easter morning courage as we face difficulties. Forgive us when we act like fearful Saturday people rather than triumphant Sunday saved saints. Forgive us when we run away from you instead of searching for you, worshiping you, trusting you. Forgive us when we exalt ourselves rather than humbling ourselves before your call on our lives. Forgive us when we look for logic instead of believing in your miracles. Help us to live each day knowing and proclaiming that you are the risen Christ. Help us keep our focus on You and the victory we celebrate today and always. Hear the silent cries of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 65:17-25 and John 20:1-18

Message "Why here, why now?"

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Affirmation of Faith (unision) Apostles Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Worship #123

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day; Alleluia,
who did once upon the cross; Alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss; Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia,
unto Christ our heavenly king; Alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave; Alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured; Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; Alleluia,
now above the sky he's King; Alleluia,
where the angels ever sing: Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia,
Praise eternal as God's love: Alleluia,
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Prayer for Easter:

ONE: God of Promise and God of Hope, who
through your great mercy have granted us new
birth

**ALL: through the death and resurrection of Jesus
Christ, we praise your wonderful name!**

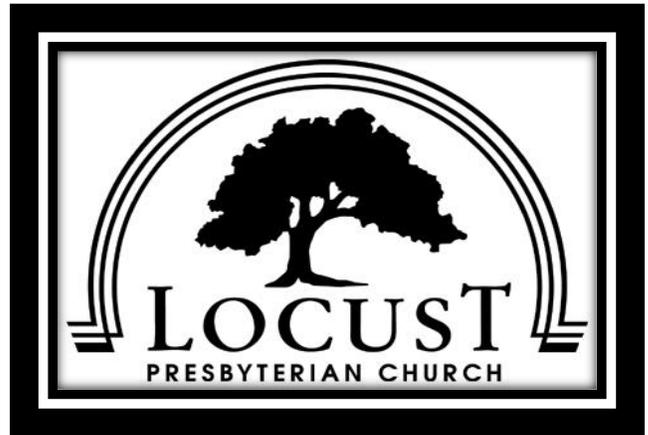
ONE: God of Glory and God of Might who through
your great power have granted us new strength

**ALL: to endure all things through faith in Christ
our risen King, we praise your wonderful name!**

ONE: God of mercy, guide us in Your way, keep us
victorious over sin, help us share in this joy, joy of
our risen Savior. Help us grow in Your love, share
Your love and live our lives as Easter people. Grant
this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen

Charge & Benediction Rev. Ardy Skidmore

*Join us at 11:00am for Easter Worship in the
Sanctuary*



Our Mission:

"Locust Presbyterian glorifies God and
grows in faith by serving and meeting needs
of all, through love, hope and compassion."

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New Heavens and a New Earth Isaiah 65:17-25

17 "See, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.
19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.
20 "Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach a hundred
will be considered accursed.
21 They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
22 No longer will they build houses and others live in
them,
or plant and others eat.
For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.
23 They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the LORD,
they and their descendants with them.
24 Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.
25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent's food.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

The Empty Tomb John 20:1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.