



## South Park Community Church

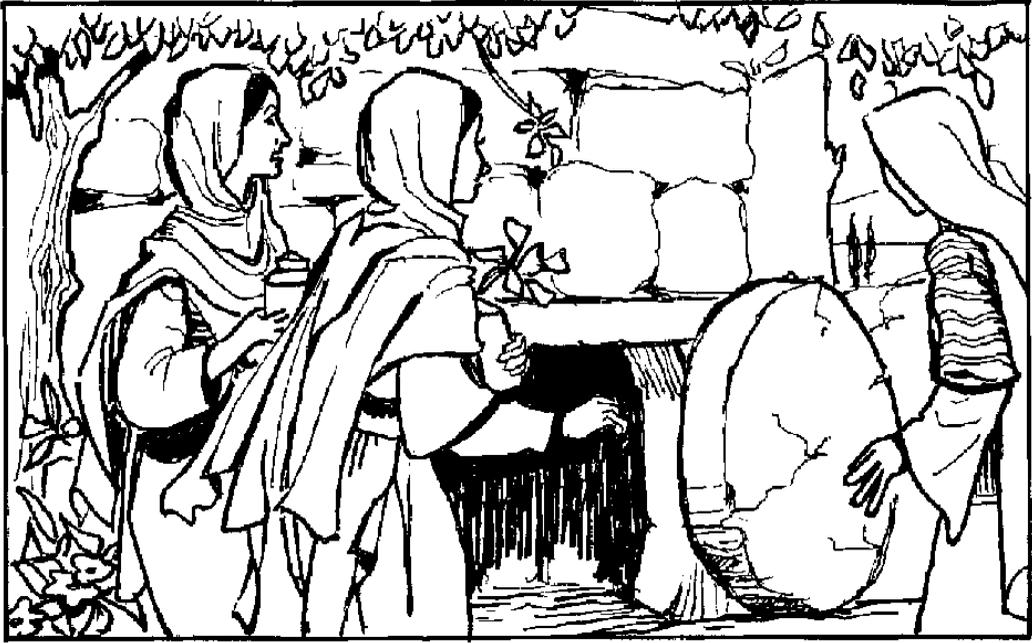
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### April 16, 2017 • Easter Sunday and Communion

*South Park Community Church is a congregation dedicated to proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel to all people:  
And witnessing by humble example, to our neighbor, both near and far, the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*



#### — GATHERING —

*\*Indicates: as able, the congregation stands*

### Greetings, Announcements, and Introductions

**Prelude** • Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God

### \*Call to Worship

*One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*One: This is the day the Lord has made;*

*Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn • 298** Christ Arose (Blue/Hymns for the Family of God)

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we have experienced hurt and where we ourselves have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of selfishness. Forgive us and raise us from sin; that we may be your faithful people, living and working for Christ's honor and your good ...

**\*Silent Moments for Personal Confession**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness •** Adapted from Ephesians 2:4-7 (NIV)

*One: Because of God's great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*

**All: And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages God might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.**

**\*Gloria Patri • 579** (Blue)

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.

— WORD —

**Time for Young Disciples**

**Scripture Reading •** Luke 24:1-12

**Sermon •** “Looking for the Living”

Rev. Kenny Shaw

**\*Affirmation of Faith •** From “A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)”

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Hymn • 292** Because He Lives (Blue/Hymns for the Family of God)

**Gathering Prayers for World, Church, & Selves**

*One: ... Lord, in your mercy,*

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **Congregational 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.

### **A Call to Offer Ourselves**

*One: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Lift up your hearts!*

**All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

*One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!*

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

### **Tithes and Offering**

#### **\*Doxology • 592**

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.

#### **\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

We praise you God, and we give you thanks. You have given us joy, grace, and hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives reveal this good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power, for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **Anthem • Our Choir**

### **— COMMUNION —**

*The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord. Through the death and resurrection of Christ we have been reconciled with God, and this compels reconciliation with one another. **"The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance and love."***

*- PCUSA Book of Order W-2.4011*

**Invitation • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer**

— SENDING —

**\*Hymn • 289** Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Blue/Hymns for the Family of God)

**\*Benediction • 2** Corinthians 13:13

**\*Congregational Response • Go In Peace**

And He said: “Go in peace and love one another, as I first loved you.

Proclaim to all who’ll hear the good news of my coming;

Keep faith in all you do. (*Repeat*)

Keep faith in all you do.

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- **You are invited for refreshments across the street in Fellowship Hall.**
  - **A telephone and restrooms are also available in the educational wing of the Manse.**
  - **On the coat rack just inside Fellowship Hall there are materials for making nametags. Please consider wearing one to help us know each other better.**

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**PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER THIS MONTH** • Please join us in praying through our church directory

Jeremiah Lindberg; Barbara Manning; Bill & Barb McCracken; Karen McCubbin-Linch; Bill Mercer; Sharon Miller; Jeramy, Angela, Creed, & Lyrik Montgomery; John & Vicki Moricz; Jim & Judi Nibblelink; Lucy & Don Nichols

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday Mornings 9 am:** Choir rehearsal for anyone who likes to sing to the Lord.

**Sunday Morning 10 am:** Worship in the sanctuary. Childcare (preschool and younger) and Sunday School (kindergarten and older) are provided across the street. On Communion Sundays, school-age children remain in the service rather than going to Sunday School.

**Sunday Morning 11 am:** (After worship) Refreshments in the Fellowship Room across the street.

**THOSE WHO ENABLE OUR CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY:**

Our pastor: Rev. Kenny Shaw, 836-2770, (office) or 719-644-9422 (cell)

Our Session: Jan Buchanan, Elder (Christian Education), 836-2915; Dicky Carpenter, Elder (Grounds), 970-485-0698; Jackie Pike, Elder (Worship), 836-4892; Dale Kanack, Elder (Buildings), 836-3781; John Redmond, Elder (Clerk), 836-1676; Pam Tucker, Elder (Stewardship), 836-4630; Susie Kasper, Treasurer, 836-2398

Our Deacons: Jacky Cacace, 720-924-1455; Stephanie Carpenter, 836-2905; Teresa Carpenter, 970-485-1151

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:**

Our Pastor, Deacons, and Elders are available for hospital and pastoral visitation. If you, or someone you know, would like a call or a visit, please contact Rev. Kenny at **719-644-9422**, or one of the Elders or Deacons. If you have an immediate need for prayer, such as surgery, hospitalization, accident, or death in the family, please contact Kenny to share your prayer request.

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