

## Worship Guide 4/5/2026

### **Call to Worship**

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.” Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

Acts 17:24-31

## Worshiping God by Singing

### Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son  
I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome  
By the power of His blood

Amen, amen  
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives  
Amen, amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave  
I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name  
He rolled the stone away

Amen, amen  
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives  
Amen, amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life  
My future in His hand

Amen, amen

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives

Amen, amen

Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives

Amen, amen

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## **Worshiping God by Confessing Our Sins**

Risen Lord Jesus, we have heard the good news that the tomb is empty, death has been defeated, and new life is given to all who believe. And yet, we confess we do not always live like resurrection people. We fear and worry as though you are not risen. We hold onto sins you have already put to death. We return to old patterns, forgetting that you have made us new. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to walk in the freedom you have won for us. By your Spirit, lift our eyes to see you, soften our hearts to trust you, and lead us to live as those who truly belong to the new creation. Amen.

## **Worshiping God by Confessing Our Hope**

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and he was seen by many witnesses.

*based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7*

## Worshiping God by Singing

### Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice.

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His Words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him!

You will reign forever, (Let Your glory fill the earth)  
You will reign forever, (Let Your glory fill the earth)  
You will reign forever, (Let Your glory fill the earth)  
You will reign forever, (Let Your glory fill the earth)

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him!

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## Prayer

Missionary of the Week: Tom and Lucy Wright  
MTW - Discipling Pastors

Community Church of the Week: Bible Way Church  
Rev. Eric Rush

Presbytery Church of the Week: New Covenant Presbyterian Church

## Worshiping God by Hearing His Word

Series: *I Will Follow Him*

Sermon: *From Closed to Open*

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a

man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,<sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.<sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,<sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."<sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!<sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther,<sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them.<sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.<sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"<sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,<sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on

the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. <sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Luke 24:13-53

The risen Christ is in the business of \_\_\_\_\_ what is  
\_\_\_\_\_.

He opens our \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

He opens the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

He opens our \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ his  
\_\_\_\_\_.

He opens our \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ of  
his glory and goodness.

Those who are truly disciples of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for him to  
\_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_ in them.

Let's \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ,  
asking him to open what is closed in us.

## **Worshiping God by Celebrating the Lord's Supper**

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

## Worshiping God by Singing

### Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

How can it be, the One who died,  
Has born our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death?  
Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;  
Christ, Christ He is risen.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!  
Oh, sing hallelujah.  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;  
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Where doubt and darkness once had been,  
They saw Him and their hearts believed.  
But blessed are those who have not seen,  
Yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,  
They preached the truth and power of grace.  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life, life everlasting.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!  
Oh, sing hallelujah.  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;  
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

The power that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save.  
He frees our hearts to live His grace;  
Go tell of His goodness.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!  
Oh, sing hallelujah.  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;  
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

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## **Benediction**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21