

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Greetings to all who are joining us for the first time - even amid the threat of a coronavirus health crisis. Indeed, all the more in light of that we welcome you to our weekly celebration of the life that we have in Jesus Christ, through his resurrection from the dead. We look forward to greeting you in person after worship as we adjourn to the outdoors. And if we can be of help to you in any way, please speak with one of the pastors after the worship service.

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

Greeting and Announcements

Pastor Nathan Trice

*Call to Worship

Psalm 104: 31-34

Elder Jeff Cleveland

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King

*O worship the king all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*

*The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

*O measureless might! ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to thy praise.*

Confession of Sin

Almighty, eternal, God and Father,

*We confess and acknowledge that we, alas, were conceived and born in sin,
that we are therefore inclined to all evil, and slow to all good;
that we transgress thy holy commandments without ceasing,
and that we ever more corrupt ourselves.*

But we are sorry for the same, and beseech thy grace and help.

*Wherefore have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father,
through thy Son, our lord Jesus Christ.*

MORNING WORSHIP (continued)

*Grant to us and increase in us thy Holy Spirit,
that we may recognize our sins from the bottom of our hearts,
attain true repentance and sorrow for them,
die to them wholly,
and please thee entirely by a new and godly life.*

We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

(Taken from Martin Bucer's *Strasbourg Liturgy*, 1539)

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7: 18-20

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Great God of Wonders!

*Great God of wonders! all thy ways
Are worthy of thyself divine;
And the bright glories of thy grace
Among thine other wonders shine:
Who is a pardoning God like thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?*

*Pardon from an offended God!
Pardon for sins of deepest dye!
Pardon bestowed through Jesus' blood!
Pardon that brings the rebel nigh!
Who is a pardoning God like thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?*

*O may this glorious, matchless love,
This God-like miracle of grace,
Teach mortal tongues, like those above,
To raise this song of lofty praise:
Who is a pardoning God like thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?*

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Nathan Trice

Preaching of God's Word

“The Hubris of Unholiness”

Ezra 9: 1-15

†Sacrament of Communion

*Gloria Patri

*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.*

*Benediction

* Congregation Standing

† *The sacrament of Communion is for Christians who have made public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and are members in good standing of a faithful Christian church. To our visitors today: if this is true of you, we warmly invite you to join us in celebrating Communion! If this is not yet true of you, we ask that you abstain from Communion at this time, but use the time instead for reflection and prayer. To all partaking: note that we will go forward to receive Communion. Any who desire to partake but are unable to go forward may remain seated and they will be served in their pew at the conclusion. Note that both wine and grape juice are provided.*

Announcements:

Resurrection's Livestream: For those who are unable to be present for one or both of our corporate worship services, please look for the live-stream of them through our church website: RPCMatthews.org.

Our tithes and offerings will be collected today by means of plates made available in the back of the sanctuary. Please designate your checks “general fund” or “diaconal fund” as you give.

Officer Elections: The Session has certified the following candidates for office: Jim Harbin and Jason Lund as elders, and John McGowan as a teacher in our congregation. A congregational meeting will be called for the electing of new officers, and all are encouraged to be prayerfully considering your own part in that. Feel free to reach out to these brothers if you feel a need to become better informed in your decision. And feel free to reach out to your elders for any further insight you would like to have into our recommendations for office.

Coronavirus Precautions at Resurrection:

1. All social events in the life of *Resurrection* remain suspended, until further notice. This includes Sunday refreshments, Sunday School and prayer meeting, and all our mid-week meetings.
2. In order to heed our authorities' recommendations regarding social distancing, we have invited member households with last names starting with “H” through “Z” to attend this morning's worship service, and households with last names starting with “A” through “G” to attend this evening's service. We are also asking all those in attendance to preserve at least 6 feet of distance between your households at all times.
3. We encourage all members and households to exercise wise judgment for themselves in the matter of worship attendance, weighing carefully the risks of attending public worship for themselves and others, and to feel at full liberty to choose not to attend worship, under the circumstances.
4. We discourage from attending worship those with symptoms of sickness, those who have been exposed to anyone with symptoms of sickness, and those with underlying health issues that make them particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus threat.
5. We ask that all those gathering for worship on Sundays follow these guidelines to minimize risk of virus transmission:

a) Upon entering the building, please proceed directly to your seats without lingering in the foyer or exchanging handshakes and hugs.

b) The hymns and psalms are printed in the bulletin; please use them for singing rather than the hymnbooks in the pews.

c) Please keep your children near you at all times, and note that a nursery will not be made available.

d) If at all possible, do not make use of the restrooms and water fountains.

e) Face coverings are recommended, though not required, by the governor's order for indoor worship gatherings. Please bear this in mind, using your own judgment in the matter, and be prepared for differing decisions about this within our congregation.

f) When going forward for Communion, proceed toward the tables at the front by means of the two center aisles, returning to your seats by means of the aisles along the walls. Please keep at least 6 feet of distance between your households as you go forward.

g) Upon the conclusion of worship, please wait for the deacons to dismiss you by row, and proceed directly outdoors for fellowship, at appropriate distances.

**“Scripture Memory Together”
Romans 6: 5-8**

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

EVENING WORSHIP - 5:30 PM

Greeting and Announcements

Pastor Nathan Trice

***Call to Worship** Psalm 65: 4

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee!*

*Praise thou the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.*

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 61: 1

Psalm of Thanksgiving I Waited for the Lord Most High

*I waited for the Lord most high,
And he inclined to hear my cry;
He took me from destruction's pit
And from the miry clay;
Upon a rock he set my feet,
And steadfast made my way.*

*A new and joyful song of praise
He taught my thankful heart to raise;
And many, seeing me restored,
Shall fear the Lord and trust;*

EVENING WORSHIP (continued)

*And blest are they that trust the Lord,
The humble and the just.*

*O Lord my God, how manifold
Thy wondrous works which I behold,
And all thy loving, gracious thought
Thou hast bestowed on man;
To count thy mercies I have sought,
But boundless is their span.*

***Profession of Faith** Samuel Cranford

Member Vows:

- 1) Do you believe that there is one living and true God, who exists eternally in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – and that he infallibly reveals himself in the Bible, which teaches the true and only way of knowing God?
- 2) Do you confess that God sent his only begotten Son – Jesus Christ – to save sinners, and that because of your sinfulness you have an utter need for his salvation; and do you trust for salvation not in yourself but in Jesus Christ alone?
- 3) Do you confess Jesus Christ as your sovereign Lord and do you promise, in reliance on the grace of God, to serve him with all that is in you, to forsake the world, to resist the devil, to put to death your sinful deeds and desires, and to lead a godly life?
- 4) Do you promise to submit in the Lord to the government of this church, to participate faithfully in its worship and ministry, and, in case you should be found delinquent in doctrine or life, to heed its discipline?

Congregational Vow:

Do you promise before God to assist Samuel in his Christian nurture by godly example, prayer, and encouragement in our most precious faith and in the fellowship of believers?

Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Nathan Trice

“The Mixing of Marriage”
Ezra 9: 1-15

†**Sacrament of Communion**

***Closing Psalm** Now Blessed Be the Lord

*Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
For he alone doth wondrous works in glory that excel.
And blessed be his glorious Name to all eternity:
The whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be.*

***Benediction**

* Congregation Standing

† See notes concerning Communion from the morning worship service.



THE LORD'S DAY
May 31, 2020

**“I Am the
Resurrection
and the Life”**

JOHN 11:25