

*I will cling to the cross, the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]*

*4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
It's shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]*

INVOCATION (all)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

***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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Thine Is the Glory", Handel

Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The New Testament: Matthew 28:1-10

Lay Reader Pam Frazier

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Relentless Love"

Pastor Dave McPherson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*”, John Whittier Roy Campbell

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from who all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM “*Christ is Arisen, Indeed!*”, Natalie Sleeth Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome to partake of Holy Communion)

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please hold and commune together)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (all)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #196 “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*” vs. 1, 3, 5

*1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*3 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!*

*5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!*

