

Evangelical Covenant Church of Venice Isle

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George DeJong ~ Pianist

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Prelude:

Worship in Music: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Welcome

*** Call to Worship:**

Out of the darkness of grief and despair
comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

And it is true. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We hear a voice call our name,

and we know our risen Lord

is with us now and always.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

Thanks be to God.

Worship in Music: Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

**Unison Prayer: O God of all our days,
we come this morning with eager anticipation.**

We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you.

Open our hearts,

that we might experience you anew.

Open our lives,

that we may be faithful witnesses

to your resurrection.

May we, with shouts of joy,

**proclaim your steadfast, liberating love
to all people, everywhere. Amen.**

Worship in Music: Because He Lives (people seated)

Unison Prayers of the People (people seated)

God of the bright and morning star,

God of the rising sun,

God of darkness banished,

we praise and worship you!

For empty tombs: thank you!

For disciples running with good news: thank you!

**For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected: thank
you!**

**We celebrate your victory over death,
over all the powers that would defeat us.**

Help us to grasp resurrection;

to understand its power,

to see its force at work in our world,

overturning evil empires,

changing the hatred within us,

moving the world slowly, forcefully,

bending us towards love and truth.

On this day of great gladness

empower us to be your ambassadors,

proclaiming good news.

Good news in our kitchens and living rooms,

good news in the offices and workshops

good news in the fields and factories

Help us to be that good news,

walking softly on this good earth

caring gently for all people,

living hopefully into your kingdom.

Today we think of all who are grieving...

and for the sick and dying....

for places in the world that are torn by war and bloodshed...

For our ethnic brothers and sisters who are enduring violence and hatred...

For our churches and their ministries.

In this world of broken hopes and dreams we catch sight of your kingdom come, in the person of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns in us forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: John 20:1-29

Read by: Steve Root (8:30am)

Betty Basinger (10:30am)

Message: "Believe!!"

Worship in Music: He Lives

Closing Challenge

Worship in Music: Christ Arose

Benediction

* Postlude:

Altar Flowers:

Jim and Jan Keckler celebrating 31st anniversary

Gayle Laurson "Praise to the Lord"



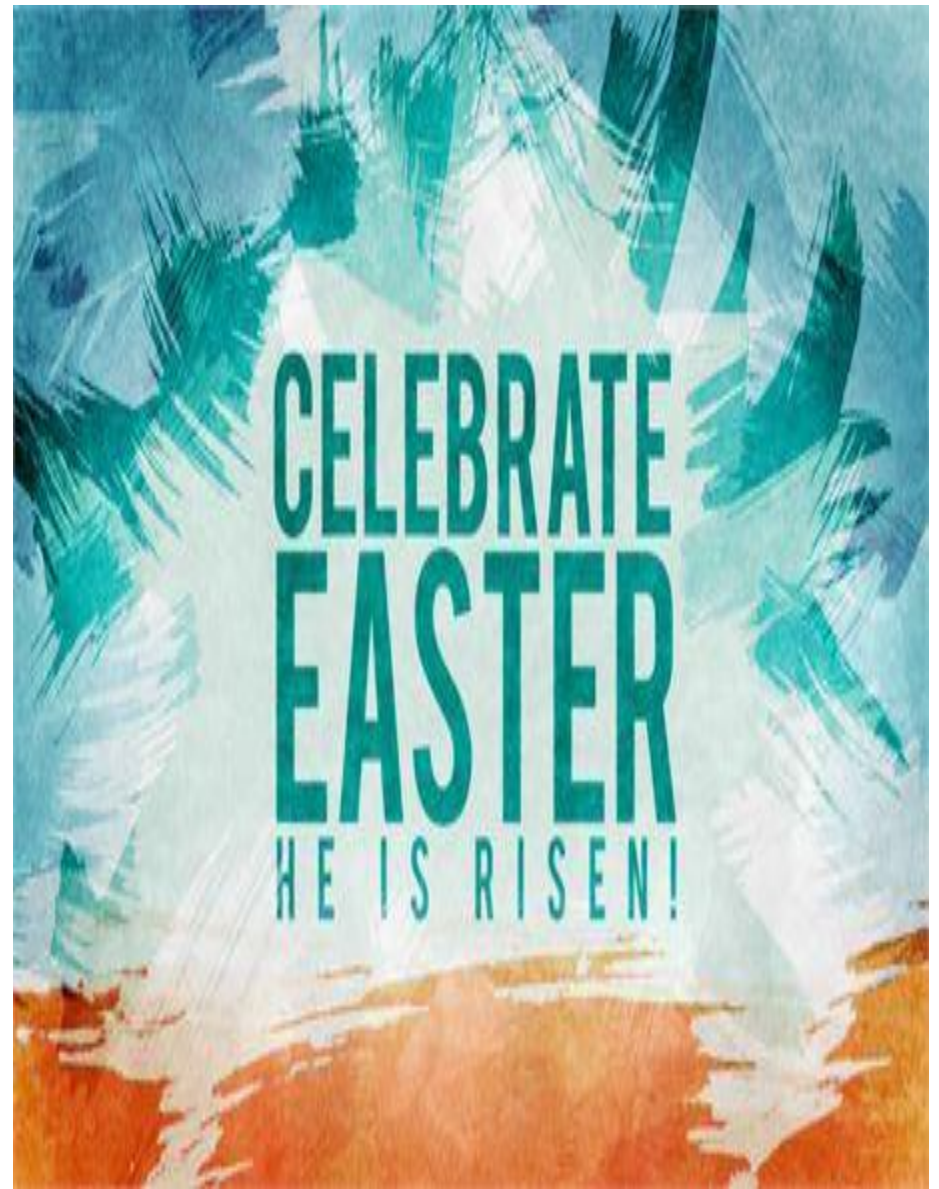
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