

**Worship on May 1, 2022** (CCLI: License Number #3156883)

(Welcoming Elder: Edwin Webster)

**Sunday Order of worship**

**We Gather**

- Welcome and Announcements
- Call to worship
- Praise song – BOP 757 Come sing, O church, in joy!
- Prayer for worship + Lord's Prayer
- Words of Assurance
- Prayer for our children
- Praise song – BOP 358 There is a redeemer

**We Listen**

- Prayer for illumination
- Scripture: Revelation 5:11-14
- Sermon: Resurrected Jesus and me
- The Lord's Table

**We Respond**

- Offering & Dedication
- Song for the Journey – BOP 687 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

**We Serve**

- Benediction

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**Announcements:**

. Grace and peace to you all who are worshipping God with us today. This is Sunday, May 1st, 2022. God is love. God invites you to come to his love. Let us open our hearts and minds and come to him and give our hearts to him.

. We will have the Communion at the Lord's Table during our service today.

. There will be Annual General Meeting 2021 after today's worship. Please stay for AGM.

. Rev. Soong has his office hours on Wednesday from 9am-12pm.

. Prayer is unseen, yet powerful. If you have prayer needs, please let us know.

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. Please help Ukraine with donation and prayer, and support the Aurora Food Pantry and Food Bank. Please pray for the people who are suffering from war.

. Thank you for your continuing support with your gifts. As we offer our gifts to the Lord, let us give our hearts and our lives to the Lord as well. May God be in the centre of your hearts.

As we come into the presence of our God, let us open our hearts and minds,  
and focus on our Lord and King.

### **Responsive Call to Worship**

One: Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful;

**All: We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

One: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**All: We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

One: God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise and not be silent!

**All: Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name, now and always!**

### **Praise song – BOP 757 Come sing, O church, in joy!**

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| <b><u>Vs. 1</u></b><br>Come sing, O church, in joy!<br>Come join, O church, in song!<br>For Christ the Lord has led us through the<br>ages long!<br>In bold accord, come celebrate the journey<br>now and praise the Lord! | <b><u>Vs. 2</u></b><br>Long years have come and gone,<br>and still God reigns supreme,<br>empowering us to catch the vision, dream the<br>dream!<br>In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now<br>and praise the Lord! |
| <b><u>Vs. 3</u></b><br>Let courage be our friend,<br>Let wisdom be our guide,<br>As we in mission magnify the Crucified!<br>In bold accord, come celebrate the journey<br>now and praise the Lord!                         | <b><u>Vs. 4</u></b><br>Come sing, O church, in joy!<br>Come join, O church, in song!<br>For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages<br>long!<br>In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now<br>and praise the Lord! |

### **Prayer For Adoration and Confession**

God of the Risen Christ and the rising earth, we come before you this day giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation: for the tiny perfection revealed in a baby's fingers grasping ours, in each daffodil unzipping its jacket to greet the spring, and each rock face worn by wind and water, bearing its rugged beauty with your praise. These details lift our hearts to praise you, too. So let the details of the story the Risen Christ lift our hearts this day, that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover him in our midst, making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit. Receive our heartfelt worship, O God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, ever Three and ever One, now and evermore.

God of each and every life, week by week we lay our lives before you, acknowledging ways in which we fall short of your hope for us. Today we confess we sometimes find it hard to forgive ourselves. Things done long ago still haunt us. We hear your forgiveness proclaimed, yet your promise of a fresh start can ring hollow. Forgive us if we think we are the one sinner who cannot be forgiven. Forgive us when we cannot find the peace you offer.

**This time we come to you in prayer that you taught us how to pray:** (The Lord's Prayer:)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, while it is true we have all fallen short of God's intentions, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ.

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, Jesus offers forgiveness and new life.

So be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

Peace of the Lord be with you. Let us take few moments to greet each other and share our peace.

### **Prayer for children**

God of love and grace, Jesus is alive. Jesus is the Lord. Jesus is the source of our life. Jesus was obedient and Jesus was dead and now he is alive. We praise you, Lord and worship your salvation work for us. We pray for our precious children and youth. Gracious Father God, give them faith. Give them Jesus. Put your name in the centre of their hearts and let them have gospel that Jesus died for them and lived again for them. Jesus is the life. Jesus is love. Jesus is their everything. Be their everything, God. Whatever they experience in their lives, direct their lives to you. Be honoured and be lifted up through their lives.

In Jesus' precious and powerful name, we pray. Amen.

### **Praise Song: BOP 358 There is a redeemer**

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| <b><u>Vs. 1</u></b><br>There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,<br>Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one                   | <b><u>Vs. 2</u></b><br>Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,<br>Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, oh for sinners slain          |
| <b><u>Vs. 3</u></b><br>When I stand in glory, I will see his face,<br>And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place | <b><u>Chorus</u></b><br>Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till your work on earth is done |

### **Prayer for Illumination:**

O God of sight and insight, Send your Holy Spirit to remove the scales from our eyes, so that we might see your truth and grasp your wisdom. Grant us fresh understanding of your Word and your will for our lives. Amen.

### **Scripture: Revelation 5:11-14**

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" 14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**"This is the word of the Lord / Thanks be to God."**

### **SERMON: Resurrected Jesus and me.**

Thank you so much for your prayers and supports while I had my study leave. I went to a conference called T4G, Together For the Gospel. I was told that 12,000 people gathered.

It was very funny that no one had their masks on in the States. I saw three people wearing masks.

It was a conference for pastors. I was focusing on this conference many years, and as soon as I learned that this was **the last one**, I decided to go. The theme was Last Word. So, every speaker was asked to preach as if it was their last sermon. So, the energy, passion, love, effort, thoughts and their experiences and lives were poured out and every session was amazing. God's presence was overflowing throughout the conference.

Once again, thank you so much for this awesome opportunity.

I will show you some pictures and share with you the moment of our singing.

(Pictures and singing video)

*Sing Hallelujah Our hope springs eternal*

*O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death*

12,000 Holy Spirit filled pastors singing and praising God. This was my first experience being among that many worshippers. We praised our faithful Father God, the Son Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Take a look at today's scripture. **11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Thousands and millions of angels praising who?

THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAUGHTERED. And more, v13-14, **13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" 14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.**

What a magnificent image of worship. The angels, 4 living creatures, all the creatures in heaven and on earth! They sing to the Lord Jesus Christ in their full voices.

Keep the image of worshipping and praising God in your hearts.

Today's sermon title is "**Resurrected Jesus and me.**"

Two weeks ago was Easter Sunday. The core and the foundation of Christian faith is the RESURRECTION of JESUS CHRIST. Nothing else. God's love is great, but without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it does not have any significance. God's power is awesome, but without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it's nothing. Jesus washed our sins and made us clean. This is good to hear, but without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it loses its meaning. Without the risen Lord, we are wasting our time. Without the risen Lord, what am I doing here? Manipulating everybody and teaching false truth?! This Bible, useless, without the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

So the most important truth we have to have in the centre of our hearts is this. Jesus Christ is risen. Jesus Christ is resurrected from death. Jesus Christ overcame all the powers of darkness.

Today's sermon title is **Resurrected Jesus and me.**

I want to talk about the relationship we have with Jesus Christ.

In the image of worshipping God from today's scripture, think about where we are. This great multitude of worshippers are passionately praising God and lifting up their lives to the Lord.

Where are we standing?

As we think about the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I want all of us to think about the relationship with Jesus. Where is our heart? Or what do we have in the centre of our heart?

I am taking a class called Thinking Class. The leader is formal pastor and he is asking foundational questions such as “what is the goal of my life?” “what is the core value of my life?” “what do I believe?” “Am I having a full life?” “what is my uniqueness?” These weekly asked questions make me to focus on the inside my heart. The question I like to ask to you is this. “What is in the centre of your heart?” I have been asking this question to myself and to you number of times.

In our relationship with God, what is in the centre? What is the core value of your faith?

What are we going to do with our life about the risen Lord?!

Westminster Shorter Catechism, the first question is this.

**What is the chief end of man?**

**Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.**

Famous line. We love it. Glorifying God: do good, love people, go to church, love family, read the Bible, and pray to God.

Enjoy him: in every aspect, we are good at enjoying what we have.

**Is this it? This life we are living is worthy of the Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour?**

**Jesus died upon the cross for us to live like today?**

**Jesus died upon the cross for us to worship God just like today’s worship?**

**Can we all say yes to these questions?**

I can’t. I know how selfish I am. I know I am not doing what I am supposed to do.

I know how weak I am and how much I allow my weakness govern my daily life.

Glorifying God and enjoying God. Great!! but what are the true meaning of these?

**What is the true meaning for you to glorify God?**

**What is the true meaning for you to enjoy God?**

In the picture of this worship, where are you standing right now and where do you want to stand?

The resurrected Jesus is longing to hold your hands and lead you to this place of worship so that you are able to glorify God and enjoy him, truly.

May God speak to your heart and may you have the ear to listen and have the courage to follow.

This is the word of the Lord for us today.

**The Lord’s Table** THIS is time for the Communion at the Lord’s Table.

2 King 17:34-41 says this, “34 To this day they persist in their former practices. They neither worship the Lord nor adhere to the decrees and regulations, the laws and commands that the Lord gave the descendants of Jacob, whom he named Israel. 35 When the Lord made a covenant with

the Israelites, he commanded them: “Do not worship any other gods or bow down to them, serve them or sacrifice to them. 36 But the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt with mighty power and outstretched arm, is the one you must worship. To him you shall bow down and to him offer sacrifices. 37 You must always be careful to keep the decrees and regulations, the laws and commands he wrote for you. Do not worship other gods. 38 Do not forget the covenant I have made with you, and do not worship other gods. 39 Rather, worship the Lord your God; it is he who will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies.” 40 They would not listen, however, but persisted in their former practices. 41 Even while these people were worshiping the Lord, they were serving their idols. To this day their children and grandchildren continue to do as their ancestors did.

This word of God breaks my heart. I hope that it does break your hearts as well. This is where we are. As we come to the union with the Lord, may the Lord come into our hearts and govern our lives in his ways. As we experience the presence of God among us, at the Communion Table, may we lay down our hearts and accept his invitation to become our true selves in him.

*(Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:)* **(Please say BOLD print together)**

L: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also, with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: You, O Lord, poured out your love upon us. You, O Lord, gave up your most precious treasure for us. You, O Lord, our faithful Heavenly Father, watch over us all the time and wait for us with unending patience. Open our hearts at this time. Open our eyes so we see your greatness. Open all our senses so we may experience you.

For your amazing grace and love for us every day, **we lift our hearts in joyful praises.**

**(Sanctus) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Jesus is alive. Your resurrection is everything. Your victory over the power of sin and death made our life meaningful. Your grace and mercy, we rely upon. We thank you for your power and love and obedience and patience for us. We offer you our love and sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We praise you Jesus Christ our Lord. Death could not hold you, for you raised up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted as the Lord of the whole creation. **We proclaim the mystery of faith:**

**P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

L: Holy Spirit, move in us and work in us and empower us, so we may follow our Lord Jesus Christ, so we may be filled with the hope for the coming King Jesus Christ. We pray that all people will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praises. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Breaking of the BREAD and Pouring the WINE – prepare your Bread and Wine**

“This is the **body** of Christ, broken for you.” (BREAD)

Take, eat, remember, and believe that the precious body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins. (Let us take it)

“This is the **blood** of Christ, poured out for you.” (CUP)

Take, drink, remember, and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins. (Let us drink it)

**Prayer after Communion:**

Loving Father God, your love is all around us. Your grace is filled in our lives. Your guidance is so faithful. You never leave us alone. Whether we are in our ups or in our downs, you are still holding us and we are still in your presence. You are the most faithful God and you are the most intimate God. You are always with us and you are always wanting us to know you and to open our hearts to you. You are friendly, relating, kind, considerate, thoughtful, loving, welcoming, ever-present, diligent, and amazing. How can you long for us. How can you be desperate for us. With our honest hearts, we come to you. Lord Jesus, change our hearts as we come to you in prayer.

Gracious Father God, because of our limitedness, we have to experience death, hardship, difficulties, and sicknesses. Have mercy upon us. We pray for two families who lost their loved ones. Be with the families of Audrey and Akiko. Embrace them with your love and peace. Fill their hearts with hope.

Lord Jesus, we pray for the people with physical pains and illnesses. Hold their hands. Fill their souls and minds and hearts with your love. Touch their bodies so they may be healed with your power. Gracious Father God, help them. Empower them.

And Lord, there are people with difficulties and struggles in their lives. Provide their needs and watch over them and take good care of them.

We also pray for the war in Ukraine. We don't see it's coming to an end soon. Lord God, help the people who lost their homes and families and loved ones. Help the people nearby Ukraine who are helping them. Provide them energy and resources to continue to help them. Also, Lord, be in the hearts of political leaders in Russia. Change their hearts. Work in their hearts and end the war. Peace and love be overflowing in your creation.

We repent our selfishness. We are sorry that we ignored other people's sufferings. Lord God, help us make changes in our daily lives, so we can change this world and we can offer up this world your hands, your love, your grace, and your mercy. Give us wisdom to discern your wills and give us courage to obey. In Jesus' precious and powerful name, we pray. Amen.

**Invitation to the offering:** This is the time for offering.

Our lives overflow with God's blessings in Christ and in creation. With gratitude for all that we have received, let us present our offering to God, trusting that God can do a new thing with our gifts – and with our lives! Let us pray for our offering.

**Offering prayer:**

Gracious Father God, You have given us life and furnished it with much beauty and blessing. In Christ you have given yourself to us. So we offer to you a portion of what we have received to share in the work of your kingdom. Use our energy and ability for your purposes for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

**Song for the Journey BOP 687 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine**

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| <p><b><u>Vs. 1</u></b><br/> Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!<br/> Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!<br/> Heir of salvation, purchase of God,<br/> Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood</p> | <p><b><u>Chorus</u></b><br/> This is my story; this is my song.<br/> Praising my Saviour all the day long;<br/> This is my story; this is my song.<br/> Praising my Saviour all the day long;</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Vs. 2</u></b><br/> Perfect submission, perfect delight,<br/> Visions of rapture now burst on my sight<br/> Angels descending bring from above<br/> Echoes of mercy, whispers of love</p> | <p><b><u>Vs. 3</u></b><br/> Perfect submission, all is at rest<br/> I in my Saviour am happy and blest<br/> Watching and waiting looking above<br/> Filled with his goodness, lost in his love</p> |

Now, it is the time for us to be sent to the world. God is inviting all of us to live a life that's abundant. God is inviting us to the life filled with Christ. We have enough of ourselves in our lives. What are we waiting for! Let us give our hearts to the Lord and live with the Lord. We are His.

**Benediction:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the Love of God, And the intimate fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with us all, now and always. Amen.