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*The People of God in Worship*

*April 1, 2018*

*Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

***EASTER SUNDAY***

**THE GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

**THE CHIMES**

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

**\*THE PRELUDE**

Please consider the organ prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: We have not seen the risen Christ,

**People: But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.**

Leader: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**People: But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.**

Leader: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**People: But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

Leader: We enter this place of worship with different points of view,

**People: But we have been called to live in community.**

**ALL: Now let us celebrate the hope and the mystery of renewal through the risen Christ!**

**AMEN.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE - HYMN No. 367**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mrs. Georgeann Snead and The Community

*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.*

**THE FIRST READING**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE ANTHEM**

*Voices of Praise*

arr. Joseph M. Martin

**THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

**\*THE OFFERTORY - HYMN No. 365**

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**THE GIFTS**

\*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Offertory

\*Doxology - No. 815

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE THIRD READING**

Mark 16:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

Leader: A word of for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**

*The Easter Prank*

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

**THE SOLO**

*The Easter Song*

Herring

**THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

We invite all disciples of Jesus Christ to participate in the Lord's Supper. The bread and the cup will be at four different stations in the sanctuary. At a time indicated by the minister, please go to one of the stations where an usher will serve you. Eat and drink at any time and please use the time to greet one another in the Lord and to offer an Easter blessing to one another. May this be a time of joyful celebration of the risen Christ and anticipation of the Great Supper we will experience in the Last Days.

**\*BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

*Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!*

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

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- \* The ushers will seat those waiting.
  - \* Those who are able will please stand.
  - \* Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Copies of last week's sermon outline and the prayer list are in the narthex.

Offertory Emphasis

Life is the message of Easter. We can see life budding forth now in nature, and we offer our gifts to help the unfolding of new life in individuals. You help to share the good news of life in partnership with others in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, in the Alliance of Baptists, and in the American Baptist Churches in the USA, and the Baptist General Association of Virginia. During this special season, and throughout the year, this is your mission gift at work.

Please join me in prayer.

*We gladly join in life-enriching ministries with so many other fellow followers of the Way. Bless our efforts as we strive to bless those around us. Amen.*