



resurrection
REALity

Our Business Is Love

MAY 5TH, 2024

WELCOME

The goal of worship at Illumine is that God would give you spiritual rest through prayer, preaching, and his Word. Everything that happens will revolve around a central concept. The service will last for 60-65 minutes.

Restrooms are located through the lobby, at the end of the hallway past the kitchen. And a handicap accessible/family bathroom is at the end of the hallway directly out the back of the worship space (Just look for the big orange arrows on the wall—they'll point you in the right direction!).

FOR THE CHILDREN

Activity sheets and crayons are on the table in the welcome space. They're designed for kids aged 5-9, but anyone can make use of them.

A staffed nursery is available for any parents of kids newborn-age 4 who would like to make use of it—just out the double doors at the back of the worship space. We love having babies and young children in worship (even crying ones!), but we offer a staffed nursery to help enable parents & caretakers to be able to be able to focus and worship as well.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. Everyone you see around you is working to accomplish the same goal – that we can all be served by hearing what God has to say. If we can take down barriers between you and that message, we will.

Thank you,
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CURRENT SERIES INFO

SERIES: *Resurrection Reality*

Paul writes, “Christ has *indeed* been raised from the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: *Indeed!* Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus’ resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend—it really happened. Easter is not just a holiday—it is *history*. On time’s infinite line, Jesus’ resurrection is the moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But *Christ has indeed been raised*. So, the reality is: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. And his resurrection proves that “all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not *just* change our future, but also the way we look at life *now*.

Today and throughout this series, we will meditate on the breathtaking implications of the resurrection reality.

TODAY’S FOCUS: *Our Business Is Love*

The entirety of God’s Word can be summed up in one word: love. God’s Law is all about love. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart...” and “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37,39). The gospel is all about love: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...” (John 3:16). From his compassion for the sick and broken, to his sacrificial death on the cross, to the peace he provided after his resurrection, Jesus was the perfect embodiment of love. Love is his business.

Therefore, love is our business too. The resurrection reality is that with the same supernatural power by which God raised Jesus from the dead, God now enables us to live a new life—one marked by radically selfless love. The motivation and ability to do this comes from seeing the endless love Christ has for us. We love only because he first loved us.

PSALM 139



1. Were I to cross from land to land or
2. I grieve to hear your en - e - mies speak
3. Come search and test my heart, O Lord; dis -



sail a - far by sea, de - scend the depths or
hat - red, Lord, of you; Long though they scheme with
pel each an - xious thought and lead me on - ward



climb the heights, my Lord re - mains with me. Be -
ill in - tent, their days are num - bered, too. How
ev - er - more to tread the path I ought. How



fore the blood ran in these veins, the
pre - cious are your thoughts to me, how
blessed am I, so bound with love, sur -



days or - dained for me were writ - ten in your
count - less, Lord, they are more than the shores have
round - ed yet so free; in doubt or bless - ing,



book, O Lord, be - fore I came to be.
grains of sand, more than the skies have stars.
life or death, my Lord re - mains with me!



O God, you search and know my heart.



Lead me in the right - eous way.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P(astor): Jesus is risen, we believe it, we hear it, and we still struggle, fail, and fall short every day. We don't listen to the voice of Jesus as we should. We don't trust in his works, which back up his wonderful words. We do our own thing. Let's confess our sins to our Savior.

C(ongregation): Lord Jesus, I confess that I am sinful because of things I think, things I say, and things I do.

I make promises and fail to keep them.

I speak words but fail to act.

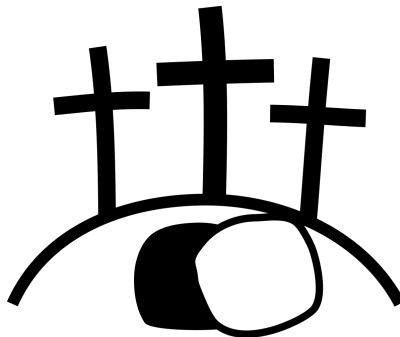
I can never successfully back up my love for you or anyone with my works. Lord, I am sorry for my sins.

Have mercy on me, Jesus.

(silence for private confession)

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins (*Ephesians 2:4,5*). By the death and resurrection of God's Son Jesus Christ, death has been swallowed up forever (*1 Corinthians 15:54*). Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!



CHRIST IS RISEN



1. Let no one caught in sin re - main in - side
2. Be - neath the weight of all our sin, you bowed



— the lie of in - ward shame; but fix
— to none but heav - en's will; no scheme



— our eyes up - on the cross, and run
— of hell, no scof - fer's crown, no bur -



— to him who showed great love and bled
— den great can hold you down. In strength



— for us. Oh, free-ly you bled for us. Christ is
— you reign; for - ev - er let your church pro-claim:



ri - sen from the dead, tram-pling o - ver death by death. Come a -



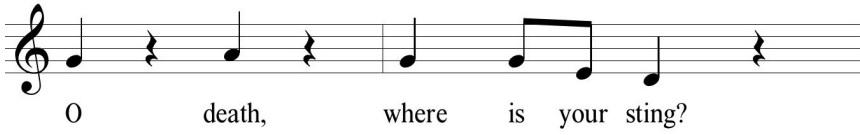
wake, come a - wake, come and rise up from the grave. Christ is



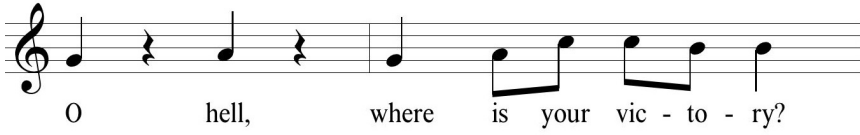
ri - sen from the dead, we are one with him a - gain. Come a -



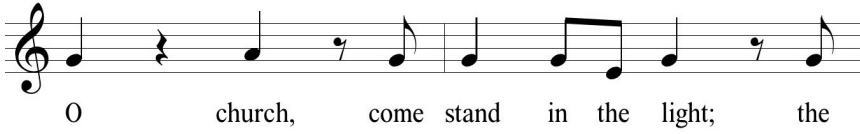
wake, come a - wake, come and rise up from the grave.



O death, where is your sting?



O hell, where is your vic - to - ry?



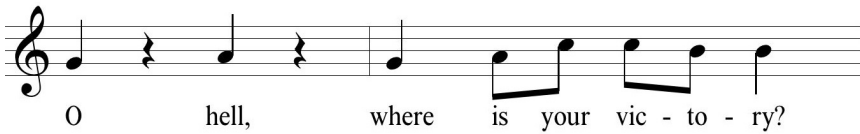
O church, come stand in the light; the



glo - ry of God has de - feat - ed the night. Sing - ing



O death, where is your sting?



O hell, where is your vic - to - ry?



O church, come stand in the light, Our



God is not dead. He's a - live! He's a - live! (Christ is)

ACTS 9:36-42 | *Because Tabitha loved Jesus, she was always helping the poor in the town of Joppa. Because Jesus loved the people of Joppa, he had Peter raise Tabitha from the dead.*

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

1 JOHN 4:7-11, 19-21 | *Friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

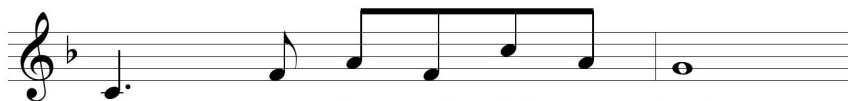
⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS



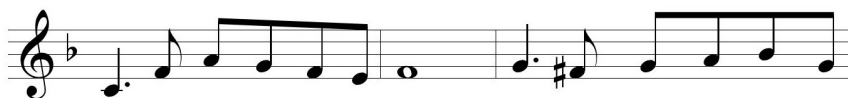
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions?
 3. Are we weak and hea - vy la - den,



All our sins and griefs to bear!
 Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 cum - bered with a load of care?



What a pri - vi - lege to car - ry
 We should ne - ver be dis - cour - aged.
 Pre - cious sa - vior, still our re - fuge:



ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de-spise, for-



for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
 faith - ful who will all our bur - dens share?
 sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all - be - cause we do not car - ry
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you;



ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 you will find a so - lace there.

JOHN 15:9-17

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

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CONNECTION CARDS, PRAYER REQUESTS, & OFFERING

*Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your worship folder OR fill it out on your phone by scanning the QR code below. Filling out the Connection Card helps Illumine serve you & serve **with** you as well as possible. Thank you!*



If you would like to give an offering that supports the ministry of Illumine in Rock Hill & around the world, you can put check or cash in the basket, scan the QR code below (it takes you to the Illumine's Giving Page @ Church Center), or text your donation amount to 84321.



PRAYER

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

WE LOVE



1. We love cause he first loved us.
2. We serve cause he first served us.
3. We love cause he first loved us.



We love. He's un-bur-dened us to love,
We serve, ask-ing not if it's de-served,
We love. He's un-bur-dened us to love,



love those dif-fer-ent than me, whe-ther friend or en-e-my.
giv-ing when it is-n't earned, ask-ing no-thing in re-turn.
love those dif-fer-ent than me, whe-ther friend or en-e-my.



And oh when we love, the love of God is
And oh when we love, his light is shin-ing
And oh when we love, his heart is beat-ing
4. And oh when he loves, he loves e-ven the



shown in us. And oh when we love,
bright through us. And oh when we love,
out through us. And oh when we love,
worst of us. And oh when we love,



the Son of God is shown in us.
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Coming soon @
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Sunday, May 5th, 10am | Worship: *Our Business Is Love*

Sunday, May 5th, 11:20am | Sunday School for all ages (Call Discussion in sanctuary)

Sunday, May 5th, 12:15-1pm | Middle School Catechism

Tuesday, May 7th, 11am | Small Group Bible Study @ Fenstermakers' | 1498 Highcrest Way

Thursday, May 9th, 6:30pm | *Foundations* Study @ Loersches' | 2117 Belle Chase

Thursday, May 9th, 7pm | Small Group Bible Study @ Pranges' | 260 Pine Eagle Drive

Thursday, May 9th, 7pm | Small Group Bible Study @ a brewery (contact Tadd & Melissa Fellers for details)

Sunday, May 12th, 10am | Worship: *Ascended But Still Close*

Sunday, May 12th, 11:20am | Sunday School for all ages

LOOKING AHEAD

July 15-17th, evening | Preschool Camp: *Bugs & Other Small Creatures*. Volunteer Opportunities Coming Soon

July 22-26th | Camp South, Covington, GA. Scan QR code for more info! *For those entering 4th-9th grade in fall.*





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