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REALity

We Need the Holy Spirit

MAY 19TH, 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.

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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: *We Need the Holy Spirit*

Jesus told his disciples that, though he was going to ascend into heaven, he wasn’t going to leave them alone. He was going to send “the Advocate,” a title for the Holy Spirit. But Jesus wasn’t sending the Spirit just to keep us company. Jesus would have the Advocate give us spiritual power so that we might participate in Christ’s saving work. Here is the final resurrection reality. The Spirit gives us the ability to raise the spiritually dead to life. We need the Holy Spirit.

We see this happen on Pentecost. The festival of Pentecost was held fifty days after the Passover. (Pentecost is Greek for “fifty.”) It was a time to thank God for the harvest. But on that day, through the Church at work, the Holy Spirit gathered another harvest, a harvest of souls. Therefore, Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity and the Resurrection.

LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR



1. Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear,
 2. Your Word in - spires my heart with - in;
 3. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,
 4. Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word.



and through your Word to me draw near.
 your Word grants heal - ing from my sin.
 and God the Spi - rit, three in one,
 Curb those who by de - ceit or sword



Let me your Word e'er pure re - tain;
 Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
 shall glo - ry praise and ho - nor be
 would seek to o - ver - throw your Son



Let me your child and heir re - main.
 your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
 now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.
 and to de - stroy what he has done.

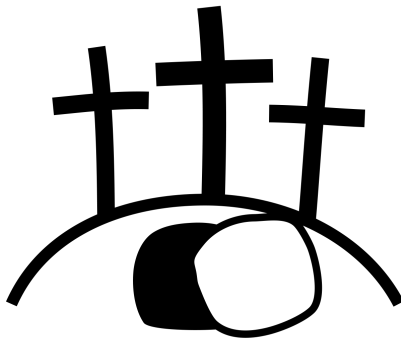
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P(astor): We come before our Heavenly Father today acknowledging that our personal witness, our living testimony of Christian faith, has not been nearly as bold and courageous as that of the Early Christians. Therefore, we confess together:

C(ongregation): Father, as your redeemed children, we confess that we have sometimes valued our own comfort, convenience, or safety rather than concern ourselves with the souls of the lost. Have mercy on us.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, many early Christians died witnessing to the grace of Jesus. Be assured that the same grace of Jesus washes away all your sins, and the same Jesus promises you eternal wonderful life in his family no matter who you are, where you've been, or what you've done. Through our risen Savior we are at peace with our Father in heaven. Thanks be to God.

C: Amen!



CHIEF OF SINNERS, THOUGH I BE



1. Chief of sin - ners though I be,
 2. Oh, the height of Je - sus love,
 3. On - ly Je - sus can im - part
 4. Chief of sin - ners though I be,
 5. Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord,



Je - sus shed his blood for me,
 high - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
 com - fort to a wound - ed heart:
 Christ is all in all to me:
 by your Spir - it and your word.



died that I might live on high,
 deep - er than the depths of sea,
 Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 All my wants to him are known,
 When my way - ward heart would stray,



lives that I might ne - ver die.
 last - ing as might e - ter - ni - ty.
 joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
 all my sor - rows are his own.
 Keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine,
 Love that found me, won - drous thought!
 faith and hope to walk with God
 Safe with him in earth - ly strife,
 Grace in time of need sup - ply



I am his and he is mine.
 found me when I sought him not.
 in the way that E - noch trod.
 I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
 while I live and when I die.

EZEKIEL 37:1-14 | *The Lord allows Ezekiel to see that the Spirit would give that prophet's words the power to raise the dead to life.*

¹ The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' "

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' "

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ACTS 2:1-21 | *The Day of Pentecost was the fulfillment of God's promise to pour out his Spirit.*

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues ^x as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ^d ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE

Build your kingdom here, let the darkness fear;
show your mighty hand, heal our streets and land.
Set your church on fire, win this nation back;
change the atmosphere.
Build your kingdom here we pray.

Come, set your rule and reign, in our hearts again,
increase in us we pray, unveil why we're made.
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope,
like wildfire in our very souls,
Holy Spirit come invade us now.
We are your church, we need your pow'r in us.

We seek your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst,
refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.
To see the captive hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace;
we lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are your church, we pray: "revive this earth."

Build your kingdom here, let the darkness fear;
show your mighty hand, heal our streets and land.
Set your church on fire, win this nation back;
change the atmosphere.
Build your kingdom here we pray.

Unleash your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far,
no force of hell can stop, your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us,
fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are your church, we are the hope on earth.

Build your kingdom here, let the darkness fear;
show your mighty hand, heal our streets and land.
Set your church on fire, win this nation back;
change the atmosphere.
Build your kingdom here we pray.

JOHN 15:26-16:11

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

¹ “All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH | THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in **the Holy Spirit**,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

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GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD



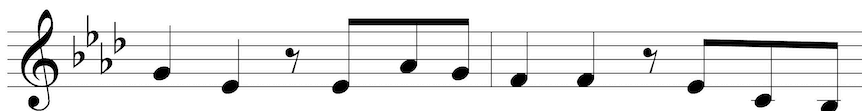
1. There is a can - dle in ev' - ry
 2. Frus - tra - ted bro - ther, see how he's
 3. We are a fam' - ly whose hearts are



soul. — Some bright - ly bur - ning, some dark and
 tried to light his own can - dle some oth - er
 bla - zing, let's raise our can - dles, light up the



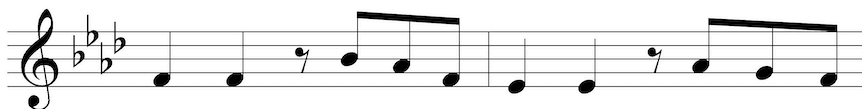
cold. — There is a Spi - rit who brings a
 way. — See now your sis - ter's been robbed and
 sky, — pray to our Fa - ther, the name of



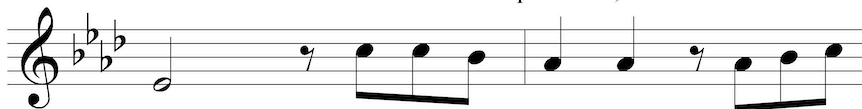
fire. — Ig - nites a can - dle and makes his
 lied to, still holds a can - dle with - out a
 Je - sus, make us a bea - con in dar - kest



home. Car - ry your can - dle, run through the
 flame. time!



dark - ness, seek out the hope - less, con - fused and
 lone - ly, the tired and
 help - less, de - ceived and
 4. hope - less, con - fused and



orn. Hold out your can - dle for all to
 worn.
 poor.
 torn.

see it. Take your can - dle, go light your

world. Take your can-dle, go light your world.

Coming soon @
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Sunday, May 19th, 10am | Worship: *We Need the Holy Spirit*

Sunday, May 19th, 11:20am | Sunday School for all ages

Sunday, May 19th, 12:15-1pm | Middle School Catechism

Tuesday, May 21st, 11am | Small Group Bible Study @ Fenstermakers' | 1498 Highcrest Way

Thursday, May 23rd, 6:30pm | *Foundations Study* @ Loersches' | 2117 Belle Chase

Thursday, May 23rd, 7pm | Small Group Bible Study @ Pranges' | 260 Pine Eagle Drive

Thursday, May 23rd, 7pm | Small Group Bible Study @ a brewery (contact Tadd & Melissa Fellers for location details)

May 24th, 5:30pm-8pm | Grilling & Games | Sign up in the lobby!

Sunday, May 26th, 10am | New Worship series: *Unbelievable*

Sunday, May 26th, 11:20am | Sunday School for all ages

Sunday, May 26th, 12:15-1pm | Middle School Catechism

LOOKING AHEAD

July 15-17th, evening | Preschool Camp (ages 4-5): *Bugs & Other Small Creatures*. Volunteer Opportunities Coming Soon. Register campers by scanning QR code!



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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