

## Wycliffe Presbyterian Church

**WELCOME** - To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and seek fellowship - welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Office Phone:** 757-496-2620

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wycliffe is following Christ to renew our church & the community.

Join in this mission through worship, by connecting with others, by contributing your talents and resources in service to others, and through cultivating your spiritual and emotional health.

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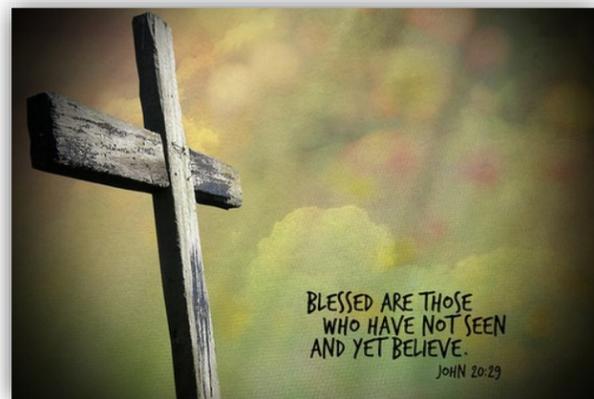
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April 8, 2018 ~ The Second Sunday of Easter  
*Rev. Garrett Bugg, pastor*

*Preparation for Worship: "Jesus did many signs in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book. But these that are written are so you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah." (John 20:30-31)*

*"The gospel of Jesus Christ is the ultimate story of victory coming out of defeat, strength coming out of weakness, life coming out of death. Because it is a true story, it gives us hope." (Timothy Keller)*

*"When we learn to read the landscape of our fears, and when we come to know the terrain of every sorrow, then we will turn our fences into bridges and our borders into paths of peace." (Jan Richardson)*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

*(please sign & pass the red Friendship pad)*

### **A PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN 238 "Thine Is the Glory"**

**\*PSALM 133** *(all read the bold)*

*How very good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!*

**It is like the precious oil on the head,**  
*running down upon the beard of Aaron,  
running down the collar of his robes.*

**It is like the dew of Hermon,**  
*which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessings;  
life forevermore.*

**All sing: This is my story, this is my song;  
praising my Savior, all the day long!  
This is my story, this is my song;  
praising my Savior, all the day long!**

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

*~ Children's time with the Pastor ~*

**A TIME OF CONFESSION** (all read the bold)

From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,  
From the Mount of Transfiguration to the Cross of Calvary,  
From then to now - come, Lord Jesus. **Have mercy on us.**

To bear the thorns, to carry the cross,  
To shoulder our sin and the sin of the world,  
To take it all away - come, Lord Jesus. **Have mercy on us.**

From an empty tomb to this very room - come Lord Jesus.  
**Have mercy on us.** (a time of silent confession)



The Lord has shown us the true meaning of Easter: Love, Hope and Forgiveness!



Caravaggio, 1602

**Scripture - John 20:19-31**  
**The Word of God is Opened to Us**  
Rev. Garrett Bugg

The offering is received ~

**HYMN 231** (st. 2 & 3 only) **“Christ is Risen While Earth Slumbers”**  
~ solo on stanza 1, all remain seated to sing ~

**A PREPARATION FOR PRAYER** (all read the bold)

Jesus Christ, by your mercy that loved those whose eyes were closed to you,  
**Be merciful to those who are slow to believe.**

By the compassion that led you to seek out those who were sad,  
**Console those who are not yet ready to rejoice.**

By the blessing in which you made yourself known to the disciples in the breaking of bread,  
open our eyes to see every act of yours as a sacrament,  
**so that no soul departs from this place**  
**until it receives the blessing you are ready to give.**

A moment of silent prayer . . .

**THE PASTOR’S PRAYER** followed by **THE LORD’S PRAYER** (p.35-hymnal)

**\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH** (all read the bold)

People of God, in whom do you believe?

**We believe in God, creator and giver of life.**

We believe that God is present  
where fear and courage join hands,  
where questioning and faithfulness link arms.

**We believe that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead,**  
**and in so doing he gave us a new birth,**  
**a life of hope - an imperishable, perfect, and unfading gift.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit which sustains and guides us, and we follow Christ in all things;

**not because we have seen,**  
**but because we believe.**

**We are seekers, the twin of Thomas, who stretch out our hands**  
**looking to touch and see;**  
**faithful, not to the rumor, but to the Presence.**

**\*HYMN 817 “We Walk by Faith”**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**“The Celtic Alleluia** (all sing: “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! & repeat)

**THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE & PARDON** and all respond: **Thanks be to God!**

**Hear these words from the first letter of John** (1:1-9)



We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life. We declare to you what we’ve seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly, our fellowship is with the Father and his son Jesus Christ. We write these things so that our joy may be complete.

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie, and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all our sin.

Proclamation in Song

**“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”**  
**“Wycliffe Men”**

Hoffman/Showalter

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms . . .

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms . . .