

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY
EASTER DAY - SUNDAY, April 4, 2010**

PRELUDE "Christ the Lord is Here Today!" Samoht Semaj

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "I Believe In Jesus"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

Pastor: A Joyous mystery gathers us together.

People: **We come to hear again the news.**

Pastor: So listen, friends: The tomb that was sealed now is open

People: **Broken is the grip of all that would box life in.**

Pastor: The grave that was full now is empty.

People: **Drained is the power of all that would fill life with despair.**

Pastor: The One who was dead now lives again.

People: **Moving in the world is the life – renewing power of love.**

Pastor: God's power of new life works among us.

People: **We, too, can rise from the dark and the fear of death. We, too, can rise to life. All because Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Chalice Hymnal No. 216

INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespas) and GLORIA PATRI
(Words to the Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri and Doxology are in the pews) Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
Children who are rising four years old through fourth grade will be dismissed to Children's Worship & Wonder.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND EASTER OFFERING
A Call to Stewardship Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
Special Music Offering "We Shall Behold Him" Rambo
*Doxology Hymnal No. 46
*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

ANTHEM "All Heaven Declares" Richards & Fettke

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Chalice Hymnal No. 234
Invitation to Communion Steve Pasky
Prayer of Communion Jill Pasky
(This is the Lord's Table. All believers in Christ are invited. As the emblems are passed, partake of the bread and hold the cup, offering your own prayer/meditation until after the congregational response.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
(Taken from the New Testament: First Corinthians 11:23-26)

ELDER: The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body which is given for you."

COMMUNION MUSIC "If You Believe" Schaffer

ELDER: In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant of My Blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

CONGREGATION: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

SCRIPTURE John 20: 1-18 (Page 1685-1686) Rev. Edd Spencer

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON "Mary Magdalene's Day" Rev. Edd Spencer

***HYMN OF INVITATION** "He Lives!" Chalice Hymnal No. 226

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

CHOIR RECESSIONAL "We Fall Down" Praise Hymnal No. 67

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy; and we cry holy, holy, holy;
and we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

POSTLUDE "Sing Hallelujah His Name Shall Be Great" Kayluke

***Those who are able, please stand.**

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

6:30 am Sunrise Service and Breakfast at Hargis
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Easter Morning Worship
10:15 am Children's Worship & Wonder

MONDAY –FRIDAY

9:30 am – 1:30 pm The Adventure Nook
(Our Preschool Ministry)

MONDAY, APRIL 5

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

9:45 am Chapel
10:00 am Women's Bible Study on James
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Inverness Cove Homeowners Association
Meeting/Farkas Room
7:00 pm Elder Calls

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

9:45 am Chapel
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, , APRIL 8

7:00 pm Pastor's Cabinet

SATURDAY, April 10

6:30 pm Insighters Sunday School Party
at Shine & Virginia Guthrie's

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

CROP WALK

During the month of March, I have been asking for help with CROP Walk (Citizens Responding to Overcome Poverty) through volunteers in the congregation. You can help by participating in one of the following:

- You can be just a walker, you can be a walker and help raise a \$100 or whatever is possible.
- You can be an event volunteer- helping at the event passing out water, marking the route, passing out t- shirts etc.
- You can be a sponsor- by donating \$300 to advertise your company, church, business, friend, recognitions on the back of each t- shirt (we anticipate 300 plus walkers).
- You can make a monetary donation.

The date of the event is **April 18th at 2:00 at Caldwell Park**, Birmingham. Thank you for your consideration of this important outreach. *Blessings Sharon Orazine*

2010 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY - APRIL 23-25

The 2010 Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (DOC) in Al/NW Florida will be held at First Christian Church, Decatur, on April 23-25. Complete information on registration and housing is available on the website: www.alnwdisciples.org. The 2010 Regional Assembly will focus on the theme, "...to the Ends of the Earth." The assembly will emphasize the mandate from Christ, as found in Acts 1:8, for his disciples to continue his work of proclaiming the good news to the ends of the earth. We will be joined by several partners representing ministries that are taking the Disciples witness to the ends of the earth. These partners include: the Rev. Amy Gopp, the Rev. Sandra Gourder, and the Rev. Felix Ortiz. For additional information, go to: www.alnfdisciples.org.

YOUTH SUNDAY - April 25

Our Chi Rho and CYF youth will once again lead us in a unique and meaningful worship experience on Sunday, April 25th at 10:00. In the sermon portion of the worship, our youth will present in mime a unique reenactment of the highlights in the life of Christ. In addition, they will guide us during the entire worship service through prayers and special music. We are extremely fortunate to have such talented and dedicated young people to lead us in worship. Please make every effort to worship with us on youth Sunday and invite a friend.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts
ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL:
SERVING DIACONATE:

Steve Pasky & Jill Pasky
Mack Carpenter, Julie Henderson, Megan Alderson, Buzz DeVore, Nancy DeVore, Kathy Mann, Mike Mee, Bruce Moon, Marian Moon, Sharon Orazine, Elizabeth West, Donna Penn, John Townsend, Lisa Townsend, Garry Tyree

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Jesus is Risen: Appearance to Mary Magdalene
STORYTELLER: Joye Taylor
GREETERS: Emily Jackson & Paulette Farquhar

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

GRADUATING?

Spring is not far away, which means many of those who are seniors will either be graduating from high school, college, grad school or special programs. Please let us know of those seniors graduating as we would like to share our congratulations in the Visitor the first week in May. Please call the church office or email us at cece@fcc-bhm.org and let us know the name of the graduate, the school and degree achieved no later than April 15th so we can get them all in the same Visitor.

AN EASTER PRAYER

Lord our God, the morning sky announces a new day – an Easter day.
All around us, creation is beginning its song of praise. Our cousins in creation, trees, birds, fish and four- legged creatures are arising with a song of adoration.

We desire to join our prayers with theirs.

O God, renew each one of us in the freshness of the morning hour so that we might leave here with a graceful heart and a peaceful spirit.

Our prayer is that all the earth be at peace this Sunday morning.

In the Name of the Lord of the Universe, Amen

