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**Romans 2:25-29**

**There's No Hope In External Rituals Alone**

Speaker: Mark White



**MISSIO DEI CHURCH**

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism Question 52

Q. 52. How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

**A. Christ was exalted in his resurrection in that, not having seen corruption in death (in which it was not possible for him to be held), and having truly the same body in which he suffered (with the essential properties of it, but without mortality and the other common infirmities belonging to this life) really united to his soul, he rose again from the dead on the third day by his own power. By this he declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death and him that had the power of it, and to be lord of the living and the dead. All of this he did as a public person as the head of his church, for their justification, to enliven them in grace, to support them against their enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.**

### PREPARATION FOR THE WORSHIP OF OUR HOLY GOD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

#### RESPONSIVE READING

This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God's people.

**Hallelujah!**

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**Hallelujah!**

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## HYMNS OF PRAISE

*Christ Is Risen*  
*Turn Your eyes Upon Jesus*

## READING OF THE LAW, CONFESSION, AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### *Reading of The Law*

1 John 4:7-11

### *Corporate Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your judgment. For our sake, and the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways that lead to glory. Amen.

### *Silent Prayer of Confession*

### *Assurance of Pardon*

1 John 1:8, 9 Because Jesus bore our sins on the cross, we can know with certainty that God will be gracious to those who come to him. John declares: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Nothing But The Blood*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## SERMON

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## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Gracie Simpkins & Ethan Bailey

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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## MARCH

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

#### **Children's Church**

3rd--Sammi Thacker  
Emily Simpkins

10th-- Amanda Mack  
Jocelyn Mack

17th--Kimm Withers  
Lorrie Spence

24th--Ambryan White  
Rachel White

#### **2--PreK**

3rd--Diana Van Horn  
Holly Wild

10th-- Mallory Adams  
Andrea Moyer

17th--Dan Honaker  
Vanessa Honaker

24th--Megan Taylor  
Meagan Valentine

#### **Nursery**

3rd--Becky White

10th--Christine Emerson

17th--Bethany McNett

24th--Pam Landacre

#### **Greeters**

3rd--Jenny Matthews

10th--Scott Spence

17th--Becky White

24th--Ben Mack

31st--Jenny Matthews

### MARCH MISSIONARIES

**Chuck Fry**  
**West Virginia**  
**Navigators**

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Paid It All

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Hebrew 13:20,21

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women's Zoom Bible Study:** The Ladies Zoom Group will start a new 6-week study on the book of Titus beginning April 9. If you are interested, please text Janice Clary at (304) 638-2162.

**Men's Fellowship Time:** Wednesday, April 10, 6pm at Jim Lester's home (230 Dogwood Ln, Huntington 25701)

**Wedding Shower:** There will be a wedding shower for Jenny Lyon on Sunday, April 14 in the Fellowship Hall. Formal invitations are in the foyer. Please RSVP to Amber Leman (219-204-8486) if you would like to help!

**"Off-Script Kids" Parenting Conference**--April 19-20. A reflective, theological, and practical conference for Christian parents whose children are wandering from Christian faith or practice or both. Redeemer Church (PCA) in Teays Valley.

#### **HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY!**

Megan Taylor (4/1), Jonan Pilet (4/2), Gary Childers (4/4), Monroe Taylor (4/9), Amanda Mack (4/11), Ryan Thacker (4/12), Cari Burck (4/13), Jean Cremeans (4/21), Dream Lester (4/25), Luke Whitney (4/26), Jack Valentine (4/28)

If we've forgotten anyone, let Mark White know!

#### **Silent Prayer**

O God, who knows we are set in the midst of many and great temptations and dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; that, being faithful to You, rendering to all their due, and doing that which is good, we may be graciously accepted by You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.