A dramatic landscape featuring a cloudy sky with sunbeams breaking through, illuminating a forested mountain range. The text "HE IS RISEN" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font, with a vertical white line to its left. The word "indeed" is written in a white, cursive script font below the main text.

HE
IS
RISEN

indeed

**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day
March 31, 2023**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

While the music is played, you are invited to bring a flower forward to place on the cross.

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Bayles

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.

People: **And everyone who believes in me will never die."**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen, indeed!**

*HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#123 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 Corinthians 15: 20)

“Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” Let us confess our sins before Christ, our Judge and Savior.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Living God, through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death and gave us the gift of life in fullness. In raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we have often failed to live out this truth. We remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Isaiah 65:17, 19b)

“Behold, I am about to create
new heavens and a new earth.
The past will not be remembered
or ever again called to mind.
No more will be heard there
the sound of weeping or the cries of distress.”
By God’s mercy, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven people.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (sung in unison)

**“Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
Refrain:
Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!”**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM And Can It Be? D. Forrest
 And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an
 interest in the Savior's blood?
 Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?
 He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love,
 and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'tis mercy all, immense and free;
 For, O my God, it found out me. And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
 No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head,
 And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach the eternal throne,
 And claim the crown through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God
 Shouldst die for me? Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*GOSPEL READING Mark 16: 1-8 (pew Bible page 722)

SERMON "Finishing Easter" Pastor Bob Bardin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

*HYMN Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 (Blue)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand as you are able) **Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

#113 (Blue)

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Go now in peace.

Never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

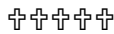
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen

*POSTLUDE

(*Please stand as you are able.)



The **altar flowers today** are given to the glory of God on this Resurrection of the Lord Sunday.

This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Easter Sunday Worship
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	Workbook of Living Prayer Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	Workbook of Living Prayer Study
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	10:00 am	Adult & Children's Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
		2 Cents a Meal Offering
		Fellowship Luncheon

Today we are collecting the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**. Please make checks to MOPC and write OGHS on the memo line of the check.

The **Service Circle** will meet at the home of Frances Sykes Monday, April 8th at 7 pm. All women are invited.

The Spiritual, Growth, Nurture & Care Committee is working with Mike Saeger to finish the **new church directory**. If you would like to be included in the directory and have not yet submitted your photo and information sheet, please do so by Sunday, April 7th. Please see Margaret Anderson or Mike Saeger with questions or to submit your photo or information. Photos and information will not be accepted after April 7th!

We will have a **Fellowship Luncheon** next Sunday, April 7th, immediately following worship. We are asking those in attendance to bring side dishes, desserts and beverages. Fried chicken will be provided. Please plan to join us for a time of fellowship!

The congregation is invited to a **reception honoring Pastor Bob** on Sunday, April 21st, immediately following worship. We will share a time of fellowship and thank Pastor Bob for his service to MOPC. Please make plans to attend!

Worship Attendance March 24—76

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Maxine Summerlin- broken wrist surgery
- Betty Lou Kornegay-shoulder surgery

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Wimberly Raynor, (Sue Godwin's daughter-in-law, thyroid surgery)
- Jean Honeycutt, (friend/neighbor of Ann Kennedy, cancer/chemo/surgery)
- Brenda Hicks, (friend of Charlotte Price, leukemia)
- Rudy Hooks- UTI and heart issues
- Maxine Summerlin- fainting episodes
- Brenda Schroeder- AFib
- Vanessa, (kindergarten student, brain tumor)
- Donna Williams, (Jimmy Bayles' sister, liver and bone cancer)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- John Braxton, Lynn Coates' brother-in-law
- Dr. Hervy Kornegay

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Robbie McSwain
- Rudy Hooks

Please call or email the church office with your prayer concern. Church members and their family will be included in the worship bulletin for the durations listed above. Please let us know as prayers are answered, so we can celebrate with you; or as needs change, so we know how best to pray with and for you. If you have a confidential concern, please contact Pastor Bob