

# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

•APRIL 9, 2021•



I love the Easter declaration and greeting, "He is Risen!" followed by the hearty response of the church, "He is Risen, Indeed!" What a blessing to hear those words and exchange those greetings as the church exalted Christ this past Sunday. And I was so moved to receive multiple text messages that morning from our church family worshipping at home joining in the response, "He is Risen, Indeed!"

This year for Holy Week Briarwood responded not only with genuine proclamations but also with acts of loving kindness in order to facilitate safe Holy Week services for all who desired to participate in person and remotely. The sacrificial response of our members to making reservations for five services and children's worship was exemplary and allowed us to minister to well over 2500 people on Sunday as we all together maximized ministry within the safety protocols.

Of course this doesn't just happen! Many volunteers, officers and staff served in numerous ways to facilitate ministry through Children's worship, the Nursery, Choir and orchestra recordings, praise team, A/V, greeters, ushers, etc. And many families altered their preferred Easter Sunday worship schedule to serve others. Fruit of this response by Briarwood was seen through increased opportunities for the church to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. And by God's grace there is still more fruit to come. We were joined by many guests in person and remotely who do not know The Lord. Let's pray for one another as we continue Gospel centered conversations with them and explain the life changing implications that, "He is Risen, Indeed!"

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# LIFESTYLE STEWARDSHIP: FOUND FAITHFUL

Thank you for a wonderful Easter Sunday  
adjusting to a five service schedule!

A reminder that this Sunday we return  
to our 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
schedule, with morning services assigned  
by Congregational Communities.

The 8:00, 11:00 and 6:00 services are also available  
online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv) and on Facebook,  
Roku, AppleTV and the BriarwoodPCA App.



SAVE THE DATE

# by faith

Vacation Bible School: June 7-11

Watch for details to come at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs).



## Our Community Food Drive

continues in assisting those who have experienced storm losses.

Place your nonperishables in the trailer at Parking Lot B (near the Altadena House)

Sundays from 7:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

## Storm Response

The Disaster Relief Fund is now open to assist those who have experienced storm damage. To assist in work projects, please contact

Chris Thompson at [cthompson@briarwood.org](mailto:cthompson@briarwood.org) or call 205-776-5239.

# In Perspective

with Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

*A thirty-minute expositional study of the Scripture.*



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programs to add a  
whole new perspective  
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[briarwood.org/inperspective](http://briarwood.org/inperspective)

## Today In Perspective

*A ten-minute look at current news through the lens of scripture.*

# Fresh Bread



*A five-minute daily devotional with Harry Reeder.*

Also available on





# Celebration of Worship

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – April 11, 2021

## Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*'Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...' Deuteronomy 4:10*

### The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 103:11, 12

[All:] For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His  
steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from  
the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Healer of My Heart" (Robinson)

Lord God Almighty, You have made known to me that my salvation is Christ's work, but to cleave to Him by faith is my work, and with this faith is the necessity of my daily repentance as a mourning for the sin which Christ by grace has removed. Continue, O God, to teach me that faith apprehends Christ's righteousness not only for the satisfaction of justice, but as unspotted evidence of Your love to me. Help me to make use of His work of salvation as the ground of peace, and of Your favor to, and acceptance of me the sinner, so that I may live always near the cross.

adapted from The Valley of Vision

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### The Welcoming of New Members (11:00)

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

"We Come, O Christ to You" Hymn 117 vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

We come, O Christ, to You, true Son of God and man,  
by Whom all things consist, in Whom all life began:  
In You alone we live and move, and have our being in Your love.

You are the way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;  
in You we face our Judge and Maker unafeard.

Before the throne absolved we stand, Your love has met Your law's demand.

You only are true Life, To know You is to live  
The more abundant life That earth can never give:  
O risen Lord! We live in You, in us each day Your life renew!

We worship You, Lord Christ, Our Savior and our King,  
To You our youth and strength Adoringly we bring:  
So fill our hearts, that all may view Your life in us, and turn to You!

## \*The Confession of Truth

Psalm 32:1-5

[Leader:] Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

[All:] Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

[Leader:] For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

[All:] I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

[Leader:] The Word of the Lord.

[All:] Thanks be to God!

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6

## The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your commandments are right. Psalm 119:172

## The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

## The Musical Offering of Worship

"This Is Amazing Grace" (Riddle)

Praise Team

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

[Chorus:]

This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love,  
That You would take my place,  
That You would bear my cross.  
You lay down Your life That I would be set free.  
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

[All:]

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. (Chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (Repeat x2)  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;  
Worthy, worthy, worthy. (Chorus)

All that You've done for me, all that You've done for me.

\*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs                            "O the Blood" (Miller)  
O, the blood, crimson love, Price of life's demand.  
Shameful sin placed on Him, The Hope of every man.

[Chorus:]  
O, the blood of Jesus washes me.  
O, the blood of Jesus shed for me.  
What a sacrifice that saved my life;  
Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

Savior, Son, Holy One, Slain so I can live.  
O, see the Lamb, the Great I AM,  
Who takes away my sin. (chorus)

O, the blood of the Lamb!  
O, the blood of the Lamb!  
O, the blood of the Lamb!  
The precious blood of the Lamb!  
What a sacrifice that saved my life;  
Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

Oh, what love! No greater love! Grace, how can it be  
That in my sin, yes, even then,  
He shed His blood for me? (chorus)

What a sacrifice that saved my life.  
Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

### THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*†The New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

The Exposition of God's Word

"Forgiveness"  
Colossians 3:12-17

### THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. II Corinthians 13:14*

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation    "The Doxology with Alleluias"  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

"Lead On, O King Eternal" (Shurtleff)

\* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

The 8:00 and 11:00 Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and are also available online at briarwood.org/livetv. Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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