

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Easter

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Prelude *All Glory, Laud and Honor* arr. Mark Hayes  
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Call to Worship Mark Weston

Leader: If you are looking for a blessing, do not linger here.

Here is only emptiness, a hollow, a husk where a blessing used to be. This blessing was not content in its confinement. It could not abide its isolation, the unrelenting silence, the pressing stench of death.

So if it is a blessing you seek, open your own mouth. Fill your lungs with the air this new morning brings and then release it with a cry. Hear how the blessing breaks forth in your own voice, how your own lips form every word you never dreamed to say.

See how the blessing circles back again, wanting you to repeat it, but louder, how it draws you, pulls you, sends you to proclaim its only word:

**All: Risen. Risen. Risen.**

Invocation Mark Weston

\* Hymn of Praise 159 EASTER HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*  
Bill Bullock and Dylan Hatton, *trumpets*

Baptism Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson  
(please see insert)

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

First Gospel Reading Mark Weston

*John 10:1-6, 14-18*  
(pages 929-930 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Offertory arr. David Clydesdale

*Worthy Is the Lamb/Crown Him with Many Crowns*

The Sanctuary Choir

Congregational Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.***

Second Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

*John 20:1-18*  
(pages 940-941 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

**Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Message Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

*Empty's Not Enough*

Musical Meditation William Gaither

*Because He Lives*

David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Communion Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel and Rev. Holly Hatton

Leader: Risen Christ, you walked with friends and explained the scriptures. Warm our hearts with your living word.

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, be known to us in the breaking of bread.**

Leader: Risen Christ, you were a guest in the home of disciples, In this fellowship, be our guest, and transform our life together with your living presence.

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, be known to us in the breaking of bread.**

Leader: You blessed bread and broke it, recognised by those who knew you. Feed us with your living bread that we might live as witness to your risen life.

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, be known to us in the breaking of bread.**

Prayers of the People Rev. Holly Hatton

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Holly Hatton

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\* Congregational Response 252 GLORIA PATRI

*Gloria Patri*

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.***

\* Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

\* Hymn of Response 170 ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

The Welcoming of New Members

**In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.**

\* Commission and Blessing Mark Weston

Leader: Hear the blessing that circles back again, wanting you to repeat it, but louder. Proclaim its only word:

**All: Risen. Risen. Risen.**

\* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

\* Hymn of Prayer 387 *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS

\* Postlude *Christ the Lord Has Risen* Tom Birchwood

Aaron Foster, *organist*

*An offering will be received at the doors for our Benevolence Fund.*

# THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM

for Lockard Joel Richardson

The Presentation of the Candidate

Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson

*Lockard Joel Richardson was born in Memphis on July 23, 2008. Lockard is currently a 7th grader at Lausanne Collegiate School. Lockard loves all sports, but especially basketball and tennis. His fans include his parents, David and Julie, along with his big sister, Edens His biggest fans are his grandparents, Greer (Poppy), Carol (Yaya), and Becky Lowe Montgomery (Bebe).*

Lockard's Life Scripture

Julie Richardson

*Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. —Joel 2:28*

Lockard's Statement of Faith

David Richardson

*Statement of Faith*

The Promises of Commitment

Rev. Holly Hatton

Following his resurrection, Jesus commanded his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In obedience to Christ and in joyful thanks for God's redeeming love, we gather to baptize Lockard Richardson and to make promises to him as he begins his journey of faith.

Parents' and Family Promise:

Do you, Julie, David and Edens, grandparents and family, promise by your life and teachings to try to live before Lockard as disciples of Jesus Christ?

**We do with God's help.**

Church Family Promise:

Will you who live and worship with Lockard promise to love, to pray and encourage him as he walks with Christ?

**We do with God's help.**

As you remember your own baptism, do you promise, with God's help, to share God's good news and live according to the example of Christ?

**We do.**

The Celebration of Baptism

# THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM

for Lockard Joel Richardson

The Presentation of the Candidate

Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson

*Lockard Joel Richardson was born in Memphis on July 23, 2008. Lockard is currently a 7th grader at Lausanne Collegiate School. Lockard loves all sports, but especially basketball and tennis. His fans include his parents, David and Julie, along with his big sister, Edens His biggest fans are his grandparents, Greer (Poppy), Carol (Yaya), and Becky Lowe Montgomery (Bebe).*

Lockard's Life Scripture

Julie Richardson

*Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. —Joel 2:28*

Lockard's Statement of Faith

David Richardson

*Statement of Faith*

The Promises of Commitment

Rev. Holly Hatton

Following his resurrection, Jesus commanded his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In obedience to Christ and in joyful thanks for God's redeeming love, we gather to baptize Lockard Richardson and to make promises to him as he begins his journey of faith.

Parents' and Family Promise:

Do you, Julie, David and Edens, grandparents and family, promise by your life and teachings to try to live before Lockard as disciples of Jesus Christ?

**We do with God's help.**

Church Family Promise:

Will you who live and worship with Lockard promise to love, to pray and encourage him as he walks with Christ?

**We do with God's help.**

As you remember your own baptism, do you promise, with God's help, to share God's good news and live according to the example of Christ?

**We do.**

The Celebration of Baptism

# THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM

for Lockard Joel Richardson

The Presentation of the Candidate

Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson

*Lockard Joel Richardson was born in Memphis on July 23, 2008. Lockard is currently a 7th grader at Lausanne Collegiate School. Lockard loves all sports, but especially basketball and tennis. His fans include his parents, David and Julie, along with his big sister, Edens His biggest fans are his grandparents, Greer (Poppy), Carol (Yaya), and Becky Lowe Montgomery (Bebe).*

Lockard's Life Scripture

Julie Richardson

*Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. —Joel 2:28*

Lockard's Statement of Faith

David Richardson

*Statement of Faith*

The Promises of Commitment

Rev. Holly Hatton

Following his resurrection, Jesus commanded his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In obedience to Christ and in joyful thanks for God's redeeming love, we gather to baptize Lockard Richardson and to make promises to him as he begins his journey of faith.

Parents' and Family Promise:

Do you, Julie, David and Edens, grandparents and family, promise by your life and teachings to try to live before Lockard as disciples of Jesus Christ?

**We do with God's help.**

Church Family Promise:

Will you who live and worship with Lockard promise to love, to pray and encourage him as he walks with Christ?

**We do with God's help.**

As you remember your own baptism, do you promise, with God's help, to share God's good news and live according to the example of Christ?

**We do.**

The Celebration of Baptism