



Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

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IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:

Bring Glory to God through fulfilling
worship.

Serve God's people, both within our
congregation and without.

Learn about the Lord's will for us through
sharing and teaching.

Connect within our membership and reach
out to connect with others.

"New Beginnings: New Hope"
April 24, 2022 11:15 a.m.

The Power of Jesus's Resurrection brings hope in unexpected ways and at unexpected times. For our part, we stay alert, ready to confess this hope to all who are ready to hear it.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“My Hope is In You”

April Geesbreght/Aaron Shust

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. *Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.* We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness, and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

Paul Baloche/Brenton Brown

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

C: **In Jesus's name, we:**

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Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching, and

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INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

Brian Rusher

READING

1 Timothy 6:11-21

A: The reading is from the first book of Timothy, the sixth chapter.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. ²⁰ Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the profane chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge; ²¹ by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith. Grace be with you.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL

Matthew 12:1-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twelfth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ² When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your

disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath.”³ He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. ⁵Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? ⁶I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.” ⁹He left that place and entered their synagogue; ¹⁰a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, “Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?” so that they might accuse him. ¹¹He said to them, “Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? ¹²How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath.” ¹³Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. ¹⁴But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. ¹⁵When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds^[a] followed him, and he cured all of them, ¹⁶and he ordered them not to make him known. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁸“Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. ¹⁹He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. ²⁰He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory. ²¹And in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor
“New Beginnings: New Hope”

(Please stand as you are able.)

SONG OF THE DAY

“Jesus Messiah”

Chris Tomlin

THE CREED

P: God has made us God’s own people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we sing our faith:

“This I Believe”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Uphold your children who cry out to you (*especially*). Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise (*especially the art and music ministries of this congregation*). With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

What is the Sharing of the Peace?

The sharing of the peace is more than a time to say, "Hello." It is an ancient tradition, dating back to the time of Jesus. Its purpose is to provide us with a chance to be at peace with one another before sharing Holy Communion. Also, it reminds us that Jesus brings us

closer together in Holy Communion, and that the unity he gives is stronger than anything that can divide us.

How Do We Share the Peace?

At their own discretion, people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" or "God's peace." Afterwards, we are seated for the offering.

(Please be seated.)

STEWARDSHIP READING

Luke 19:8

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

OFFERING

"Everything You Are"

Jamie Jamgochian

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

C: 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 and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SUMMARY OF WORSHIP

(Please stand as you are able.)

SENDING SONG

“Lord, Reign in Me”

Brenton Brown

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

P: And next time ...

C: ... we'll invite a friend!

We thank you for worshiping with us today.

We hope to worship with you again in the near future!

***Many thanks to all those on our tech team
for making this livestream service possible.***

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

SERVING THIS MONTH

Readers

May 1	Patti Tieman
May 8	David Lochner
May 15	Karyn Parker
May 22	Tom Ingram
May 29	Barb Barbour

PowerPoint

May 1	TBD
May 8	TBD
May 15	TBD
May 22	TBD
May 29	TBD

Ushers

May 1	TBD
May 8	TBD
May 15	TBD
May 22	TBD
May 29	TBD

Prayers

May 1	TBD
May 8	TBD
May 15	TBD
May 22	TBD
May 29	TBD

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