

Gathered Worship



RESTORATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

We exist to pursue the restoration of people, communities, and cultures in the greater St. Louis area and the world through the transforming power of the Gospel.

WELCOME TO RESTORATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

We are glad that you found your way here today. We believe that corporate worship is the central event in our church's life together and that it restores and shapes our whole lives in the pattern of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In worship, God gathers us together to serve us and strengthen us, and we have the great privilege to respond to him with our praise, thanks, confession, and commitment.

*Please help us connect you by texting your name and email address to **314.722.6212***

THE SEASON OF EASTER

The journey of the church's annual season of Lent ends not at the cross on Good Friday but at the empty tomb on Easter. The origins of this celebration of Jesus' resurrection can be traced back to the second century A.D. It is the earliest and the most central festival in the church's annual calendar of special celebrations commemorating the life of Jesus Christ.

Although in a broad sense Christians gather for worship to celebrate the resurrection every Sunday (because Sunday was the day on which Jesus rose from the dead), Easter became a "big Sunday" to devote special attention to remembering and rejoicing in the Jesus' defeat of death and immortal life. Furthermore, Easter is not merely a single Sunday but rather a seven-week season.

During this season, some of our music and other prayers will help us remember and give special honor to Jesus' victory over death and his immortal life that will one day restore and remake our ruined world into a glorious new creation.

The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it.

—N. T. Wright

Here are some options if you have children:

- 1. Keep your children with you through the entire worship service.** Many of our families see worship as one of the most unifying times of their week as a family. If your children are a bit wiggly or make a little noise, don't worry; it will not bother us!
- 2. Leave children under age three with our capable nursery workers during all or part of the service.** We have two rooms for nursery: 23 mos. and under are in Room 107, while 24 mos. and up are in Room 102.
- 3. If you have an infant or young child, please feel free to use our Family Room.** Parents are welcome to use this room (located to the left of the sound booth) where they will be able to continue listening to the service. Please respect the privacy of nursing mothers if the "Privacy Please" sign is posted.
- 4. Have your children participate in our Children's Worship time that will begin just before the sermon.** See the time noted later on page 7. (*ages 3-2nd grade*)

SONG OF PREPARATION

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is king, your Lord and king adore
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice; again I say, rejoice

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice; again I say, rejoice

He sits at God's right hand 'til all his foes submit
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice; again I say, rejoice

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take his servants up to their eternal home
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice; again I say, rejoice

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744; Tune: John Darwall, 1770

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 147:5-6a, 95:1*

This morning's liturgy is led by NextGen Director Dawson Hunt.

Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The LORD lifts up the humble,
he casts the wicked to the ground.
Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

WE PRAISE GOD

Our God

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

REFRAIN Our God is greater
 Our God is stronger
 God You are higher than any other
 Our God is healer
 Awesome in power our God our God

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

REFRAIN

BRIDGE And if our God is for us
 Then who could ever stop us
 And if our God is with us
 Then what could stand against
 And if our God is for us
 Then who could ever stop us
 And if our God is with us
 Then what could stand against
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REFRAIN

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WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESSION *from 2 Chronicles 7:14*

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER *from Bobby Griffith Jr. Pocket resource*

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us
from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to You,
confessing our faults,
confiding in Your grace,
and finding in You our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ Your Son, Amen.**

A time of silent prayer will be kept for personal confession.

GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS *from Psalm 103: 13-14,17*

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.
But the steadfast love of the LORD
is from everlasting to everlasting.

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD IN OFFERINGS AND SONG

At this point in the service, Restoration members and regular attendees are invited to respond to God's grace by giving their tithes and offerings. If you are our guest this morning, please know that you are under no obligation to give.

WE THANK GOD

Be Unto Your Name

**We are a moment; you are forever
Lord of the ages, God before time
We are a vapor; you are eternal
Love everlasting, reigning on high**

**CHORUS Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Highest praises honor and glory
 Be unto your name
 Be unto your name**

**We are the broken; you are the healer
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before you, blessing your name**

CHORUS

Text and tune: Gary Sadler and Lynn DeShazo, 1998

JOINING & RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we are receiving new members into our church. Please make them feel welcome as you greet them following the service. We are led in vows by Rev. SJ Lim. Elder John Peters will be praying for them following the vows.

Angela Adams
Keisuke Idota
Bethany Idota
David Shieh
Courtney Shieh

NEW COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Devin Lim
Justin Lim
Noah Paik

Vows for New Members

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and do you promise to strive for its purity and peace?

Congregational Vow

Q: Do you as a congregation promise to come alongside our new members in the encouragement and growth of their faith through the instruction of the Word of God, through regular prayer with and for them, and to graciously set an example of piety and godliness before them, as we follow Christ?

A: I do.

COMMUNITY WELCOME & NEWS *Children are dismissed for Children's Worship*

At this time, children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to join our Children's Ministry volunteers in the back of the Sanctuary. Their classes will be held in the SPARK and Conference rooms. They will be returned following the sermon.

*Please take a moment to warmly welcome those around you.
Announcements and upcoming events can be found on page 10*

PRAYER FOR THE READING AND PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING *Ecclesiastes 3-4*

Church Bible p. 554

After the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Wisdom for the Near-sighted*
Rev. SJ Lim

Big Idea/Question: Is there wisdom for the near-sighted?

1. Will I be okay?

2. Why is life such a struggle?

3. Who are my people?

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

Wisdom for the Restless | Ecclesiastes 5-6
Rev. SJ Lim

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH IN GOD *The Apostles' 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.¹ The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic² Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹ Hell is not to be understood here as the place of judgment, but simply the place of the dead; therefore, when we confess that Jesus descended into hell, we confess that He actually died.

² In this sense, "catholic" means "universal."

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

It is our custom to receive and hold the elements until invited to partake so that we may do so together.

A gluten-free bread option is available from the ushers in the center aisle.

Wine is in the cups in the inner rings of each tray; grape juice is in the outer ring.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

**Mine are days that God has numbered: I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer! Though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing; I am His forevermore**

**Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted: Christ completes His work in me**

**Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter: harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore**

**And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore**

**Come rejoice now, O my soul: for His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure: Christ is mine forevermore!
Come rejoice now, O my soul: for His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure: Christ is mine forevermore!**

**And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore**

Text: Jonny Robinson, 2016; Tune: Rich Thompson, 2016

Easter Doxology

**O! Let the nations sing the fame
Of Christ the Lamb who once was slain!
He is risen! He is risen!
Now we await the coming day
When all those raised in Christ will say
Give him glory! Give him glory!
He is risen! He is risen! Alle-luia!**

Text: Eric Schumacher, 2004; © 2001, ReformedPraise.org

Tune: Auserlesen Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesange, Cologne, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING (*hands outstretched*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Picnic — *TODAY! 4pm, Heman Park.*
Women's Summer Bible Study— *June 3 (weekly)*
Restoration Summer Playdates— *June 3 (weekly)*
Youth Cookout — *June 15*
Annual Congregation Meeting — *June 23*
Youth GENERATE Summer Camp — *June 24-28*
Men's Night Out — *July 1*
Children's Art Camp — *July 15-18*
Newcomers' Luncheon — *July 21*
10 Year Celebration Picnic— *August 4*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Visitor!

If you are a visitor to Restoration Community Church, we would love to give you a gift in appreciation for joining us today. Please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer after the service in order to receive a book from us to you!

Church Picnic - NEW LOCATION!

Join us **TODAY at 4pm** for a time of food and fellowship at **Heman Park** (1028 Midland Blvd, University City, MO 63130). We'll provide the main dish but we'd like you to help round out the meal.

Last names beginning with **A - M** please bring a **large side** to share

N - Z please bring a **large dessert**.

Remember to bring cash or a check to support our youth summer camp as they sell snow cones! Directions to the picnic site are in your Friday email or in the foyer.

Seating may be limited so bring your **lawn chairs** and **picnic blankets**.

Women's Coffee for 4 and MEN'S Coffee for 4!

Sign up by **TOMORROW** for an easy way to get to know a few other Restoration women or men this summer. We'll assign you a group and you'll get together for coffee (or whatever!) once in June or July. Sign-up in the foyer or at bit.ly/coffeefor4

Youth Cookout

Nextgen is having a youth cookout for incoming 6th graders to graduating 12th graders on **Saturday, June 15th, 4:00-7:00pm** at Haley and Dustin Peetz's home (1517 Gold Leaf Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146). This will be a great time for youth to get together in community and welcome the incoming 6th graders while sending off our graduates. Invite your friends! *Food and games will be provided.*

Annual Congregational Meeting

The session is calling our annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, June 23, after the service** to re-elect **Brian Burkey** to the office of **Elder**. We will have updates on our budget as well as various ministries so please plan on attending.

Art Camp 2019

The sign-up is live for the 2019 Restoration Art Camp! Our theme this year is "**The Art of Godly Expression**." We will be learning techniques of self-expression in art based on the Fruit of the Spirit with local Artist, **Jenna Bauer**. We are welcoming children 4 Years Old - 5th Grade. Look to the children's weekly email for more info and the link to sign up! Contact Dawson@restorationcommunity.net if you'd like to receive children's emails.

Special Message from the Deacons and NextGen

As we head into the summer, we want to encourage our children to utilize the basketball hoop and picnic area behind the church. Parents, you are encouraged to grab a snack and head out back to continue your conversations while looking out for your children. There will not be a deacon supervising this area, so we want to make sure that the children are properly supervised.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
10 AM Gathered Worship
11:15 AM Refreshments & Fellowship

GET IN TOUCH WITH US
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