

South Joplin  
Christian Church



March 31, 2024  
Easter Sunday



**VISITORS:** Please fill out a contact card from the welcome table and put it in the offering tray on your way out if you would appreciate a response from Pastor Colleen, or to be added to our email list. Thank you for worshiping with us today!



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## Order of Worship

### Prelude and Entrance of the Light

Chris Greninger, Pianist/Organist

### Welcome

Pastor Carroll

Pastor: Christ the Lord is risen! What say you, Church?

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Halleluia!**

### Introit

“Halle-Halle-Halleluja”

Children’s Bells Ensemble

Music: Caribbean, Public Domain

### Call to Worship

Leader: What are we to make of this day? When graves are opened...

When the dead awaken... When life refuses to be contained...

**All: Then nothing is impossible! Hope is never extinguished, and love is never conquered.**

Leader: We celebrate You today, Jesus, Because You have made it clear that death does not have the last word; Because You have filled us again with hope and faith; Because You have given us a vision of new possibilities, new realities, and new ways of being.

**All: Open our minds to believe what we cannot explain;**

**Open our hearts to hope for what we cannot see;**

**Open our lives to live and to love in the midst of death and despair;**

**Let resurrection happen again in us today. Amen**

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### Opening Hymns

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*Chalice Hymnal* #216, Stz. 1,2,4

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“Lift High the Cross”

*Chalice Hymnal* #108, Stz. 1,3,4

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**Invitation to Prayer** (You may light candles at either station to aid in your personal prayer time prior to corporate prayer. Leave written requests in the offering plate by the sanctuary entrance.)

### Prayer Hymn

“In the Garden”

*Chalice Hymnal* #227, Stz. 1,2

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**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors) Pastor Carroll

**Choral Anthem** "I Will Rise" Chancel Choir  
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**Scripture Reading** Luke 24:1-12 (NRSV\*) Susan Wolfenbarger

**Sermon** "Irrepressible Life" Pastor Carroll

**Hymn of Preparation** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" *Chalice Hymnal* #222  
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**Communion Meditation and Prayer** Betsy Wheeler, Elder

**Words of Institution** Pastor Carroll

**Participation** (Please come forward to partake at one of two stations before returning to your pew by the center aisle. Notify the diaconate if you prefer to be served while seated.)

**Offertory** Betsy Wheeler, Elder

**Mission Challenge and Announcements** Pastor Carroll

**Closing Hymn and The Light Goes Before Us**  
"He Lives!" *Chalice Hymnal* #226  
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**Benediction**

**Postlude** Chris Greninger

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## SJCC Sponsorship for Screening of "Cured"

Our outreach team has invested \$100 to co-sponsor a documentary being brought to Joplin by Kansas City University Medical School on April 5 and 6. The film "illuminates a pivotal yet largely unknown chapter in the struggle for LGBTQ equality: the campaign that led the American Psychiatric Association (APA) to remove the diagnosis of homosexuality from its manual of mental illnesses." ([cureddocumentary.com](http://cureddocumentary.com)) Tickets are \$1 in advance for a reserved seat or free at the door.

### This Week at South Joplin Christian Church

Monday, April 1	April Fool's Day
Tuesday, April 2	10:00 am Faith Formation Mtg. (SJCC Office)
Wednesday, April 3	9:00 am - Noon CWF 6:30 pm Choir
Friday, April 5	6:30 pm "Cured" Documentary (Bookhouse Cinema)
Saturday, April 6	2:00 pm "Cured" Documentary (Bookhouse Cinema) 2:00 pm Bench Hunger (Body & Soul Transformation Gym)
Sunday, April 7	9:30 am S.S. 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship/CW&W 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection