### March 31, 2024 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Organ Prelude to the Worship Service Silent Prayer Call to Worship \*God's Greeting \*Hymn: 357 - Low in the Grave He Lay

# WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD RESTORES US

Reading of the Law of God Confession and Assurance Hymn of Response: 360 - Alleluia! Alleluia!

# WE THANK GOD WITH OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Special Musical Gift: Board Family sing "Living Hope" Congregational Prayer Offering: Benevolent Fund of First Oak Lawn UR Church

(Please place your offering in the basket in back of sanctuary) WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn: 356 - Christ the Lord is Risen Today Scripture Reading: John 20.1-18 Text: John 20. 1-18 Message: **"Easter is Seeing and Believing...by Grace"** Prayer of Application \*Hymn: 364 - The Day of Resurrection \*Benediction \*Doxology: 149 (Red) - I Serve A Risen Savior Organ Postlude

\*Please stand if able

# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Piano Prelude to the Worship Service Prayer for God's Blessing Call to Worship \*God's Greeting \* Opening Hymn: 368 - Rejoice, the Lord Is King

\*Apostles' Creed in Unison - page 3 in back of Psalter Hymnal \*Hymn of Response: 442.1, 2, 6 - For All The Saints

Responsive Reading of Matthew 28.1-15 Hymn of Response: 156 (Red) - Jesus Lives and So Shall I

Congregational Prayer Offering: Roseland Christian Ministries (Please place your offering in the basket in back of sanctuary)

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn: 22 (Black) - Worship Christ, the Risen King Scripture Reading: Acts (See Sheet) Text: Acts Sermon: **"The Acts Resurrection Road"** Prayer of Application \*Hymn: 362 - Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

\*Benediction \*Doxology: 488 - Now Blessed Be Jehovah God Piano Postlude

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#### John 20:1-18 Easter is Seeing and Believing...by Grace

# Theme: The Lord must give the grace of illumination for seeing to become believing

- 1. Seeing is believing only by illuminating grace #1: 1-10
  - a. Mary Magdalene sees the stone rolled away but does not believe

b. Peter and John come and see – and by grace John believes

2. Seeing is believing only by illuminating grace #2: 11-18a. Mary Magdalene sees angels – but does not believe

b. Jesus opens her eyes – and by grace she believes!

### Acts (see below) The Acts Resurrection Road Theme: The significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ revealed by the emphasis upon it in the book of Acts

Acts 1:22 beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

Acts 2:24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 2:31 Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the **resurrection** of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay.

Acts 2:32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

Acts 3:15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

Acts 3:26 When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

Acts 4:2 They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the **resurrection** of the dead.

Acts 4:10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

Acts 4:33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. Acts 5:30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead--whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

Acts 10:40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

Acts 13.30-37 But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup> and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. <sup>32</sup> "We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers <sup>33</sup> he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: " 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father. ' <sup>34</sup> The

fact that God **raised** him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: " 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.' <sup>35</sup> So it is stated elsewhere: " 'You will not let your Holy One see decay.' <sup>36</sup> "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed. <sup>37</sup> But the one whom God **raised** from the dead did not see decay.

Acts 17:3 explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ, " he said.

Acts 17:18 A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus

#### and the **resurrection**.

Acts 17:31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by **raising** him from the dead."

Acts 17:32 When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject."

Acts 26:8 Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?

Acts 26:23 that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to **rise** from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles."