

We are grateful that you joined us today. Please join us downstairs after worship for fellowship and refreshments hosted by our Patience Hospitality Group. **If you have children with you**, we have options! Our nursery is open throughout the service; Children's Church is for 3-5 year olds, and up to 3rd grade. Children leave during Passing of the Peace and return during the Communion Hymn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFRESHMENTS NEXT SUNDAY: Kindness Hospitality Group. Contact Teresa Taylor, 828-504-0234

NEWSPAPERS NEEDED for the Humane Society. If you have any, there is a box at the front of the church.

BIBLE STUDIES: Women's 8:15 a.m. on Wednesdays and Men's 8:15 a.m. on Thursdays. Enter the back of the church. Email the church at arbordalechurch@gmail.com to be added to the Bible Study list for info about the upcoming study and you can also indicate if you'd like to receive our weekly email.

OFFERINGS: The offering is not taken up during the service. There are offering plates in the Narthex, on the lower shelf of the Altar and as you exit the Sanctuary to go downstairs, and a link on the website to donate on-line.

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"EASTER, BEFORE IT'S NOTICED"

by Jill Peláez Baumgaertner

*"The garden in the deep night
after God's rapt silence
has no breath. No echo even
in the vacant tomb which no one
yet has visited, no one seen,
and yet everywhere his breathing,
the turn begins, the blanket
of sunrise in mist stretches
to swaddle the earth,
gouged and waiting."*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

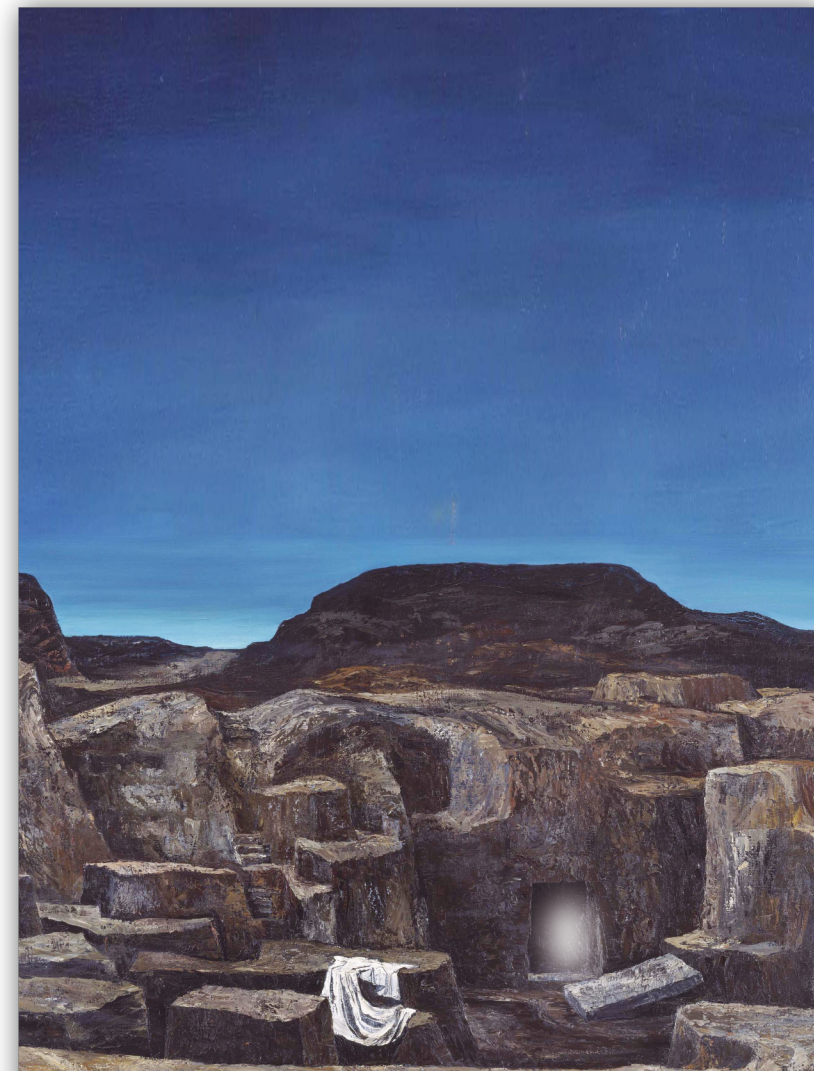
By W. David. O.

*Resurrected Lord, you whom make room in
your family for the doubters, the troubled,
and the failures, enfold me, I pray,
in the care of your body, so that I too might
proclaim with Saint Thomas,
"My Lord and my God!"
whether with a feeble or an emboldened faith.
I pray this in the name of Jesus, the One who in
love extends to me his pierced hands. Amen.*

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Service for the Lord's Day
April 12, 2026

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Alba de Resurrección (Dawn of Resurrection)",
by Joaquín Vaquero Turcios

* Congregation Stands

GREETING

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen Indeed!

PRELUDE

Blessed are the Merciful

*Blessed are the merciful
for they shall receive mercy*

*Forgive us as we forgive
those who have sinned against us*

*Lord have mercy on us,
show your mercy through us*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 33

* **HYMN of PRAISE**

#357 Christ Arose

CALL TO CONFESSION

Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

~ Hebrews 10:19-22, NRSV

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

* **Assurance of Pardon:**

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ~1 Corinthians 15:54-57, NRSV

* **PASSING THE PEACE**

* **DOXOLOGY**

* **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator 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, dead and buried.

He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Leader: *Lord in your Mercy*

People: *Hear our prayer*

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Speak Oh Lord (See insert)*

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

*John 20: 19-31
"My Lord and My God"
John Gerstenmier*

* **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Lord I Need You
(See insert)*

* **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And also with you.

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: *Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* **HYMN OF SENDING**

*#393 Breathe On Me,
Breath Of God*

* **BENEDICTION**