



*We are a fellowship of believers who pray fervently,  
worship faithfully, love each other genuinely, serve willingly,  
and seek earnestly to understand God's Word.*

April 16, 2023



Second Sunday of Easter



*“Gifted and Kept by God  
yet Facing Trials and Difficulties”*

**Greetings**

**Songs of Praise**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**Psalter Reading**

*Psalm 16*

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**The Reading of the Word**    *1 Peter 1:3-9, p. 1014*

**Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's 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 Ghost, 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 seated 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 Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the Communion of saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen*

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**    *"Gifted and Kept by God  
yet Facing Trials and Difficulties" Pastor Matt Stillman*

**Final Song**

**Benediction**



*“Gifted and Kept by God yet Facing Trials and Difficulties”*

Sermon Notes: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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# CORNERSTONE

**PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Reverend Ellis Brooks

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Ellis

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Rev. Ellis

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE**    *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

\* **APOSTLES’ CREED**

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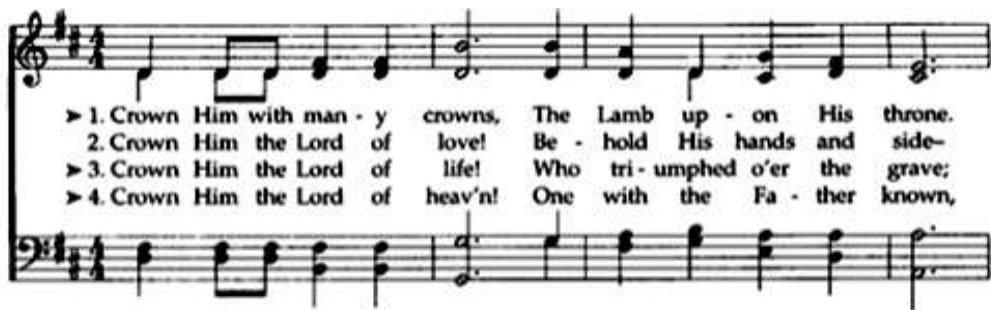
**SCRIPTURE**

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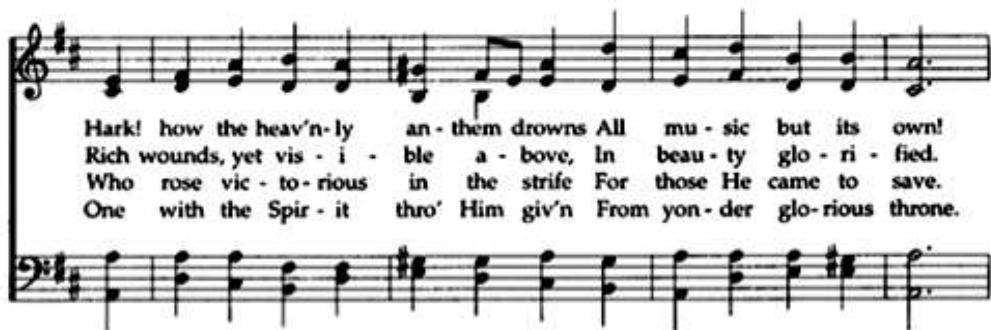
**CHORAL MESSAGE**

*“Here I Am, Lord”*

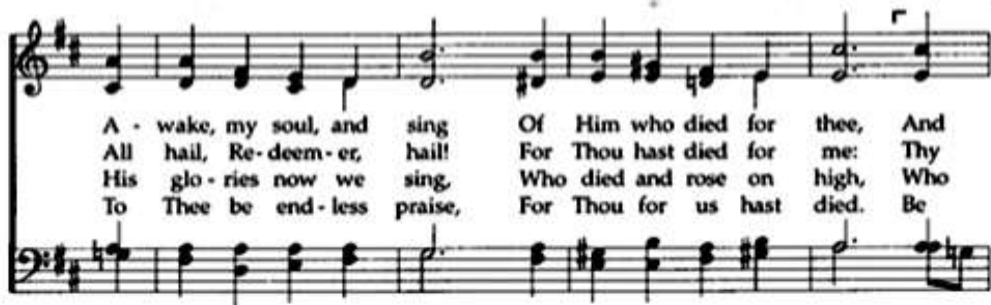
# Crown Him with Many Crowns



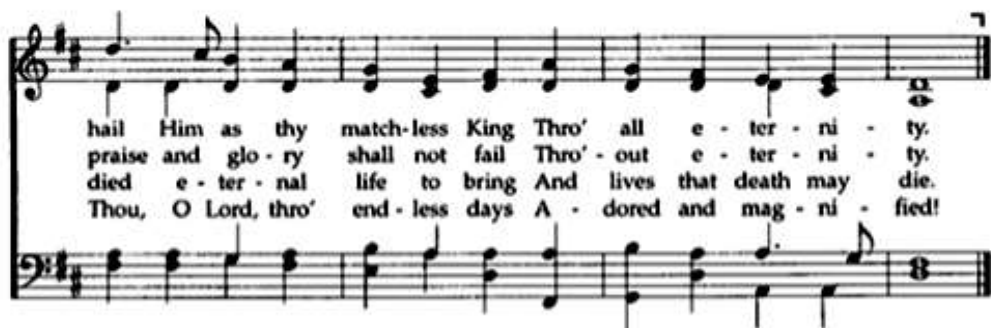
> 1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne.  
> 2. Crown Him the Lord of love! Be - hold His hands and side-  
> 3. Crown Him the Lord of life! Who tri - umphed o'er the grave;  
> 4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Fa - ther known,



Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
Who rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
One with the Spir - it thro' Him giv'n From yon - der glo - rious throne.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me: Thy  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
To Thee be end - less praise, For Thou for us hast died. Be



hail Him as thy match-less King Thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.  
praise and glo - ry shall not fail Thro' - out e - ter - ni - ty.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Thou, O Lord, thro' end - less days A - dored and mag - ni - fied!

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, stanzas 1,2,4; Godfrey Thring, stanza 3  
MUSIC: George J. Elvey; Arrangement and Choral ending by William David Young

DIADEMATA  
S.M.D.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY – PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS**

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty,  
to Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light,  
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King*

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON** “*Gifted and Kept by God  
yet Facing Trials and Difficulties*” Pastor Matt Stillman  
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**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION**

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

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**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE:**

*May the grace of Christ our Savior,  
And the love of God our Father,  
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.  
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And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.  
Forever and ever, forevermore. Amen.*



\* Congregation Stands

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus




1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
in His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

WORDS: Joseph Scriven, 1855  
MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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*Alternate tune, BEACH SPRING*

*“Gifted and Kept by God yet Facing Trials and Difficulties”*

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# My Jesus, I Love Thee

F B $\flat$  F C $\flat$  F C7 C F

1 My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,  
 2 I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,  
 3 In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light.

B $\flat$  F F C $\flat$  F C7 C F

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;  
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree;  
 I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

E A B $\flat$  E A C $\flat$  G F C E C F G $\flat$  B $\flat$  E C

my gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;  
 I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;  
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow;

F B $\flat$  F C $\flat$  F F E C C $\flat$  A $\flat$  C C $\flat$  F

if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
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## **PSALTER READING**

*Psalm 16 (Responsively)*

LEADER: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

***People:*** *I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.”*

LEADER: As for the saints in the land,  
they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

***People:*** *The sorrows of the those  
who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood  
I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.*

LEADER: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

***People:*** *The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

LEADER: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

***People:*** *I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand,  
I shall not be shaken.*

LEADER: Therefore my heart is glad,  
and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

***People:*** *For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.*

## TCF CALENDAR

Sunday, 11:45 am: Sunday Brunch—Pine Crest Inn *Apr 16*

Monday, 2:00 pm: Jesus Oriented Yoga mat class

*resumes Apr 17*

3:15 pm: Jesus Oriented Yoga chair class

*resumes Apr 17*

7:00 pm: NEW!! Men's Theology Study *Apr 17*

Tuesday, 8:30 am: Men's Breakfast—Pine Crest Inn *May 2*

10:00 am: Good and Beautiful Life study

2:00 pm: Conversations with the Scriptures

3:30 pm: Pastor Prayer Support Group

Wednesday, 6:00 pm: Family Fellowship Dinner *Apr 19*

*RSVP today!*

Thursday, 2:00 pm: Joyful Journey

3:45 pm: Praise Team rehearsal

5:00 pm: Choir rehearsal

Saturday, 8:30 am: Christology 101 Study



*Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped  
with our Worship Services and other ministries this week.*



*Pastor Matt will be Tampa, FL April 26—28 for  
his annual Southeast Conference.*

## **Pastoral Need**

If you desire a pastoral visit or phone call, please let us know by contacting the church office at 910-215-5775, or you may contact our pastor Ellis directly.



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