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**M:** Minister  
**A:** All

## WELCOME

**HYMN:** “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” stzs.1-4  
*found on page 6 of this worship guide*

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**A:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**A:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**A:** Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

*The minister offers the Prayer of the Day.*

## THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

### SECOND LESSON:

1 Corinthians 15:12-20a

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

## THE NICENE CREED

**A:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN:** "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" stzs.5-8  
*found on page 7 of this worship guide*

**MESSAGE:**

“Because Jesus Lives: I Believe”  
*based on John 20:31*

John 20:31

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,  
and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

## **PRAYERS & BLESSING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*The minister offers the Prayer of the Church.*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**A: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **HYMN:**

“Blessed Assurance”  
*found on page 8 of this worship folder*

### **BLESSING**

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives

2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives  
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives  
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives,

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to

e - ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo -  
 to wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm  
 my Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry  
 guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort

rious in the sky; He lives, he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 my trou - bled heart; He lives, he lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
 this sen - tence gives: "I know, I know that my Re - deem - er lives!"

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end.  
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

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# Blessed Assurance



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — Oh, what a  
 2. Joy - ful con - fes - sion, I am his own! — Fol - low - ing  
 3. Lov - ing sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; — I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 Je - sus, I'm nev - er a - lone. — Born of his Spir - it, I am re -  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



God, — Born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood. —  
 stored, — Strength - ened to serve my Sav - ior and Lord. —  
 bove, — Filled with his good - ness, kept in his love. —

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my

Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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