



# Brookside

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## **EVENING WORSHIP GATHERING WITH JOY**

**6:00 P.M.**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and call to worship**

**\*Hymn #400:1,2,4 "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"**

**\*God's greeting and greeting each other**

### **\*Litany**

Leader: This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen!

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out!

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other!

**People: Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn #387:1,2 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

## **OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

### **Time of confession**

#### **Prayer**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to sin, bound by the ways that lead to death. Too often we focus on perishable things, like money, clothes, and success, while neglecting the imperishable Word of our resurrected Savior. Forgive us, God of mercy. May we trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

### **Words of assurance: Ephesians 2:4-7**

#### **Hymn #388 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

**Words of victory: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57** The Message

**Hymn #388 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

**Evening prayer: Judy VanderArk**

**Song of preparation “Speak, O Lord” CCLI #225774**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Scripture:** I Peter 1:17-25 (page 1110)

**Message:** Resurrection Redemption

## RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE

**\*Hymn of response #479 “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”**

**Our gifts to the Lord:** ACCESS (All County Churches Emergency Support System)

**Offertory**

**\*God's blessing**

**\*Closing song #634 “Father, We Love You”** (verse 2 – a cappella)

**Postlude**

\* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Paul DeVries; Organist: Bev Becksvort; Pianist: Judy Zwart



Hearing Loop System available.