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Our Worship on April 3, 2016 Worship Leader: Robert Abrams Jr.

Welcome to our Guests! We may be new to you, but you are known and loved by God. If you are a seeker, then let us seek Christ together. If you belong to Jesus, then we belong together in His love and Joy! Praise God! We especially invite our guests to remain after Worship to enjoy some friendly conversation and refreshments in our Lobby.

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

Announcements – *Please sign and pass the red friendship books*. Opening Devotion and Prayer Singing Praises to Jesus Greeting Each Other and Welcoming Our Guests

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Special Offering: Grace Resource Center

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4-8 & John 20:19-31

Pew Bible Pages 851/754

Message by Pastor Ken Gardner: "A Dead Man Got Up &

Walked."

POWER FOR MINISTRY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (All persons who confess Jesus as Savior and Lord are welcome to come forward to receive Communion either from the chalice or an individual cup as you prefer.)

Offering Our Gifts to God

Closing Song

Prayer of Blessing on Everyone

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

New Member/Inquirer's Class to be held on three consecutive Mondays, April 11, 18, and 25 - 6:30-8:30. New Members will be received on Sunday May 15.

TUESDAY:

6:30 PM – Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

9:30 AM – Discipleship for Busy People 7:00 PM – Prayer Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 7th – Men's Walk to Emmaus

Apr. 14th – Women's Walk to Emmaus

Apr. 15th – Grace Resource Development Dinner – 6:30PM

Apr. 22nd – Emmaus Gathering

Apr. 30th - North District Conference – 9:30-12 noon

May 10-20th - General Conference – Portland, OR

May 19-21 – Conversational Prayer Workshop with Rev. Jeffrey

Elmore

June 16-18th – Annual Conference, Redlands, CA

EXTRAS:

Grace Resources – **Light in the AV** - 25th Annual Development Dinner Friday, April 15th at AV Fairgrounds. COSUMC is hosting a table of eight. We have four spots left to fill our table. Contact Susan Abrams if you would like to support this ministry and enjoy a wonderful evening (661 816-1278).

ANNIVERSARY: Mary Alice & Richard – April 1st.

NEW EMAIL for PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Pastor Ken Gardner for prayer requests. Call the church office (943-2774) or send an email: pastor@cosumc.com. This email goes directly to Pastor Ken. All prayer requests are confidential.

"THE DAYS AFTER EASTER" Series

Message #1 of 4

"A Dead Man Got Up & Walked"

John 20:19:31, Revelation 1:4-8, 22:12-13, 16-17, 20-21 April 3, 2016 – Communion Sunday

1. JESUS CAME (John 20)

FEAR

- "The disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear ..." John 20:19
- "A week later his disciples were in the house again ... and the doors were locked." John 20:26

PEACE

• "Peace be with you!" - verse 19, 21, 26

BELIEVE

- "The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord." John 20:19
- "Unless I see ... I will not believe." John 20:25
- "Put your finger here, see my hands. Reach out your hand (Thomas) and put it into my wide. Stop doubting and believe." John 20:27
- "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29
- "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:31

2. <u>JESUS IS COMING</u> (Revelation 1)

WHO?

- "From him who is and who was and who is to come." Rev. 1:4, 8
- "Look, he is coming with the clouds." Rev. 1:7
- "The faithfulness witness, the firstborn from the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth." Rev. 1:5a

WHY?

• "Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests." – Rev. 1:5b-6

WHAT?

"Grace and peace to you." – Rev. 1:4

3. <u>JESUS IS COMING</u>, SOON – (Revelation 20)

- "Behold, I am coming soon!" Rev. 22:12, 20
- "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Rev. 22:13 & 1:8
- "I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." Rev. 22:16
- "Take the free gift of the water of life ... The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people." Rev. 22:17, 21
- "The Spirit and the bride say 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." Rev. 22:17

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