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April 21, 2019

Welcome to **Port Williams United Baptist Church** today.
We pray you will find our fellowship warm and our worship meaningful.
Visitors are encouraged to sign our guest book (at the back of the sanctuary)
or to fill out a Visitor Card (in the pew) before leaving. Thank you.

The Worship of God

Easter 2019

April 21, 2019

Opening Meditation

*“Made for spirituality, we wallow in introspection.
Made for joy, we settle for pleasure.
Made for justice, we clamor for vengeance.
Made for relationship, we insist on our own way.
Made for beauty, we are satisfied with sentiment.*

*But new creation has already begun.
The sun has begun to rise.*

*Christians are called to leave behind, in the tomb of Jesus Christ,
all that belongs to the brokenness and incompleteness
of the present world ...*

*That, quite simply, is what it means to be Christian:
to follow Jesus Christ into the new world, God's new world,
which he has thrown open before us.”*

~ N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*.

Prelude

Dr. Christianne Rushton

* **Processional Hymn** “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” **155**

* **Litany:**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

The stone has been rolled away.

The grave clothes are lying in a heap.

The body is gone.

Mary's weeping is halted by the man's questions:

Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?

Let us proclaim with Mary:

We have seen the risen Lord!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Hallelujah! Amen.

Welcome to this special worship service!

If Port Williams United Baptist is your church home, or if this is the first time you have been here, we are grateful you have chosen to make this time a part of your Easter celebration. The story of Easter is that of God overcoming death and being with us—to console us in times of tragedy, to comfort us in times of struggle, to confront us when we get apathetic.

That is what we seek to discover at Port Williams United Baptist Church throughout the year, through worship, education and ministry. We do that as we seek to transform the world into the kingdom of God. If that calling resonates with your soul, we would welcome your coming with us on this adventure.

Again, we are glad you are worshipping with us this day. We hope you will come again. If there are ways that we can be of assistance to you, please contact us.

Port Williams United Baptist Church welcomes and affirms all persons, regardless of race, class, origin, sexual orientation, or any other distinction.

We welcome as Members those who profess “Jesus is Lord.”

We receive members through baptism or by transfer of letter from another congregation.

You are welcomed here and invited to be a part of our community