

Behold Reality

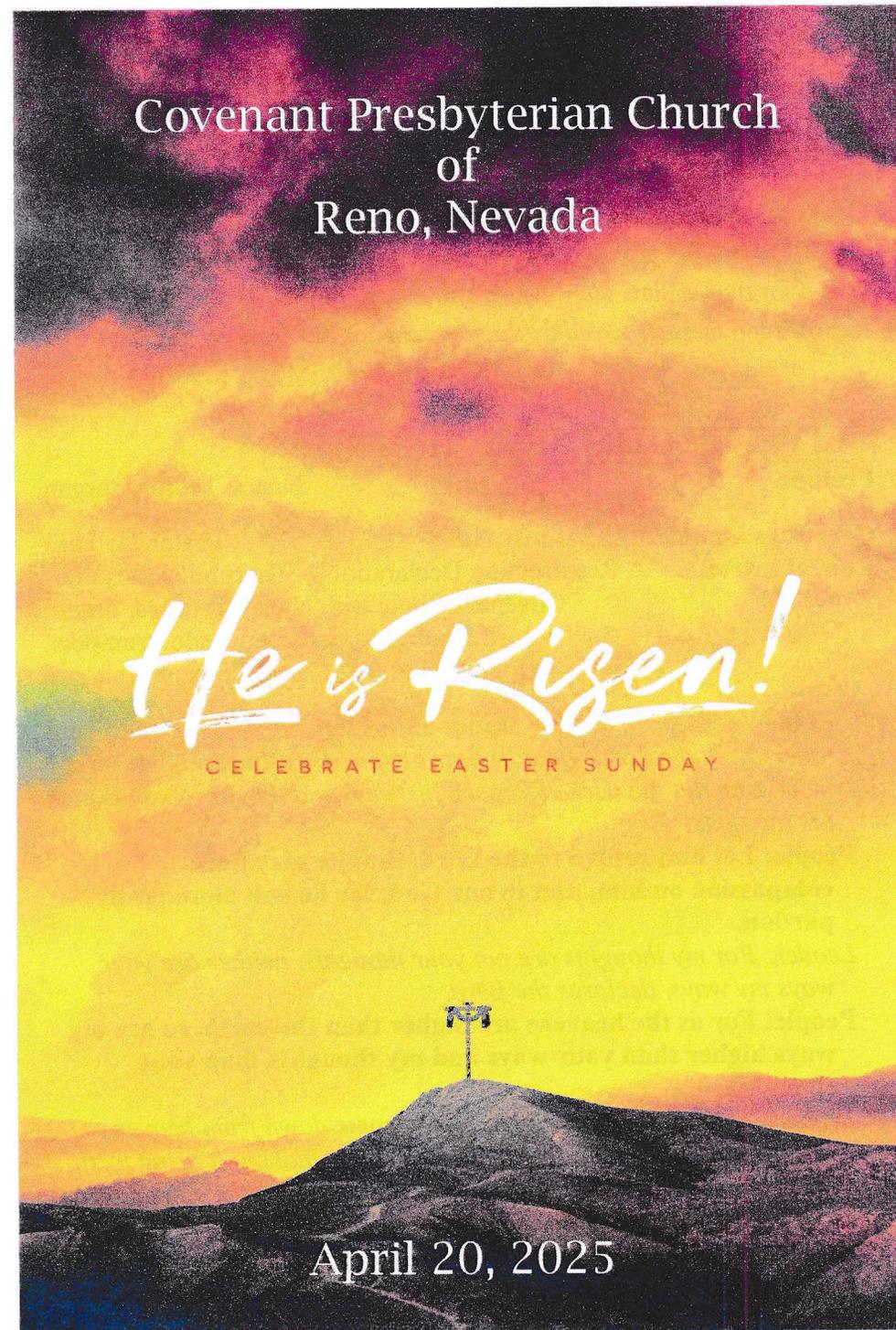
Behold the Man #6
(Mark 16:1-8)



A proper view of reality depends upon a proper view of Jesus, and this must be the radically difficult post-resurrection view that releases fleshly hindrances to embrace new and everlasting life in His eternal kingdom.

- A. The Gospel Story: Jesus was Real (Behold the Man)**
- B. The Easter Discovery: Jesus was Beyond People's Natural Perception of Reality (It Is Very Difficult Truly to Behold the Man)**
- C. Reconciling These Two Realities Was & Is a Post-Resurrection Possibility Leading to This Conclusion: Jesus IS Real, & So Is His Kingdom!**
1. Material Reality is affirmed, not denied, (*Jesus IS Real.*)
 2. The deadly hold physical decay and earth-bound vision has on us is broken! (*Jesus is BEYOND our perception of Reality*)

Additional Notes:



Service for Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Here was love and deep devotion; but it was only an adoration of a dead Christ, and that was not yet true Christian faith. The women looked for the familiar loved figure of the past, so the first result of the resurrection message was only the fear produced in them by the news of this new divine Christ. - R. Alan Cole, Mark, p.336

God's People Gather Saying "He Is Risen!"

Prelude Nancy Tedford, organ

Greetings and Church Family News Pastor Jay Hull

Choral Introit "A Resurrection Declaration" – Thornhill/Johnson
Covenant Choir with Nancy Tedford, organ;
Josh Dunlap & Larry Machado, trumpets;
John Bennum & Gary Mayne, trombones

***Call to Worship** **Isaiah 55:6-11** Denell Hull

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

People: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Leader: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

People: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Leader: "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

People: It shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

We Declare the Truth: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

***Songs of Praise & Decorating the Cross** CPC Praise Band
"Salvation Is Here"
"Praise the King" [CCLI License #246069]

Children's Prayer

(Children preschool to early grade school excused to Children's Church)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Gloria Patri (Hymnal-inside back cover)

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem "Christ Is Now Arisen" – K. Lee Scott
***Doxology (#592) and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

With God's Help, We Hear & Understand His Word

***Hymn of Preparation** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" #273

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8 (p.853)

Message:

Behold Reality Pastor Jay Hull
(Behold the Man #6)

We Respond to the Finished Work of Christ the Lord

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

We Depart in Joy Declaring Together "He Is Risen!"

***Closing Hymn** "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!" #277

***Charge & Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** "Hallelujah!" from *The Messiah* – G. F. Handel
(Congregation members are encouraged to come forward to sing with the choir)

*indicates to stand if you are able