



Community Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Easter
24 April 2022

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

(One) The Lord is Risen!

(All) He is Risen, indeed, Alleluia!

(One) Give thanks to the Risen Lord, who is holy.

(All) God's steadfast love endures forever!

(One) Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

(All) This is the gate of the Lord; let us come and worship God together.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn (317)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

(1) Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

(2) Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

(3) Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 150

(One) Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

(All) Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

(One) Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

(All) Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

(One) Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

(All) Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Confession

(All) God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Response

Hear Our Prayer O'Lord

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

PROCLAMATION

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Sermon

***Hymn (59)**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

(1) Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,

opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

(2) All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Games Up Here

No games this week because Jason will be off while he's visiting his mother in Columbus.

Wednesday Bible Study

No Bible Study this coming week, but make sure to respond to the survey in this week's email about our new "hot topics" Bible Study series.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

No Men's Prayer Breakfast this **Thursday**

Communion, Potluck, and Mother's Day, Oh My!

Next week, Jason will be on vacation, but CPC will meet as usual. Consequently, we'll be celebrating the Lord's supper and having our monthly potluck on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th.

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SCRIPTURES

Acts 5:27-32

5:27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,

5:28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.

5:30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

5:31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

5:32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Revelation 1:4-8

1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

1:6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1:7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20:19-31

20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

20:24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

20:25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

20:26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut,

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

20:31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.