

Community Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Eastertide 23 April 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Ave Maria (Franz Schubert)

*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

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

(One) I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

(All) The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

(One) What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

(All) I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

(One) O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

(All) I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

*Hymn (288)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

(1) Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

(2) Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

- (3) Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
- (4) 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!

Prayer of Confession

Bog Jest Miloscia

God is forgiveness.

Dare to forgive and God will be with you.

God is forgiveness, love and do not fear.

Silence

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.

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

First Reading
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Second Reading
1 Peter 1:17-23
Gospel Reading
Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

*Hymn (118)

Lord of the Dance
(1) I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

- (2) I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the Dance went on. [Refrain]
- (3) I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high and they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]
- (4) I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the Dance and I still go on.[Refrain]
- (5) They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was

incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory He Shall Feed His Flock (The Messiah)

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespasses)

SENDING

Charge Benediction Postlude

Hallelujah! What A Savior

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intergenerational Study of the Bible for Youth
The Intergenerational Study of the Bible is happening
Sunday night, April 23 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

Games Up Here

Monday night games are on for this week. Join Jason and Silas for games at the Annex on **Monday, April 24 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.**

Wednesday Bible Study

Our Weekly Bible Study will return next week on **Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:00pm.** Join us for a surprise topic.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast is happening this week on **Thursday, April 27 at 7:00am**.

Nerf Nation!

Join us this Friday, April 28th in the Lake City Armory from 7:00pm to 9:00pm for Nerf Nation!

Pastor: Rev. Jason Brian Santos, Ph.D. (206) 962-9886

Organist/Pianist: Celeste Scott

SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

2:14a: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

- 2:36 "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."
- 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"
- 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 2:39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."
- 2:40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
- 2:41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

1 Peter 1:17-23

- 1:17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.
- 1:18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,

- 1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.
- 1:20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.
- 1:21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.
- 1:22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.
- 1:23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24:13-35

- 24:13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,
- 24:14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.
- 24:15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,
- 24:16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
- 24:17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.
- 24:18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem

- who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"
- 24:19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,
- 24:20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.
- 24:21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.
- 24:22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,
- 24:23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.
- 24:24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."
- 24:25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!
- 24:26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"
- 24:27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.
- 24:28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

- 24:29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.
- 24:30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
- 24:31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.
- 24:32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"
- 24:33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.
- 24:34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"
- 24:35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.