



# Community Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide  
30 April 2023

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

*Open the Gates to the Temple*

#### \*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 23*

(One) The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**(All) He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

(One) Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

**(All) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

(One) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

#### \*Hymn (496)

*Leaning on The Everlasting Arms*

(1) What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### *Refrain:*

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

(2) O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

(3) What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

**Prayer of Confession**                      *Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me,  
when you coming into Your Kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into Your Kingdom.

**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 2:42-47*  
**Second Reading**                                      *1 Peter 2:19-25*  
**Gospel Reading**                                      *John 10:1-10*

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn (51)**                                      *How Great Thou Art*

(1) O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

(2) When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]

(3) And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]

(4) When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou  
art!" [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**

*Easter Fanfare*

**\*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** (sins/trespases)

**SENDING**

**Charge**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Intergenerational Study of the Bible for Youth**

The Intergenerational Study of the Bible is on for **Sunday night, April 30 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, May 1 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.**

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Our Weekly Bible Study will return next week on **Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 5:00pm.**

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Men's Prayer Breakfast is happening this week on **Thursday, May 4 at 7:00am.**

**Cinco de Mayo Pot Luck**

Next week is our monthly potluck! This month's theme is "Siete de Mayo," so break out your best Mexican dish and join us Sunday, May 7 for food and fellowship.

**Communion Sunday**

Don't forget, **next Sunday, May 7, we'll be celebrating communion** during our Sunday worship service.

**May Session**

The CPC Session is meeting early this month. **We'll gather this Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 10:00am in Darley Hall.**

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**Organist/Pianist:** Celeste Scott

**SCRIPTURES**

**Acts 2:42-47**

2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

2:43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

2:44 All who believed were together and had all things in common;

2:45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

2:46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,

2:47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### **1 Peter 2:19-25**

2:19 For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

2:20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

2:21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

2:22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

2:23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

2:25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### **John 10:1-10**

10:1 Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

10:2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

10:3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

10:4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

10:5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

10:6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

10:7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

10:8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.

10:9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."