



Community Presbyterian Church

Service of the Resurrection
31 March 2024

GATHERING

Easter Salutation

(One) Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

(All) **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Christ Arose!

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

(One) Alleluia, Christ is risen!

(All) The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

(One) Glory to you, O God, on this day you won victory over death, raising Christ Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life in Him.

(All) Glory to you, O Christ, for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

(One) Glory to you, O Holy Spirit, you lead us into the truth. Guide our worship today.

(All) Let us now worship God with the joyful "Alleluias" of praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

(One) O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

(All) Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

(One) The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

(All) There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

(One) I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

(All) The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

(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; the righteous shall enter through it.

(One) I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

(All) The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

(One) This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

(All) This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***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

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and reversed the curse of death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God of abundant mercy. Help us to trust in Your Spirit as we are formed in the likeness of Christ. Restore us and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Sermon

***Song** *My Living Hope, by Phil Wickam*

(1) How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb

In desperation, I turned to heaven

And spoke your name into the night

Then through the darkness

Your loving kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul

The work is finished, the end is written

Jesus Christ, my living hope

(2) Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The king of kings calls me His own
Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

(3) Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me [*Chorus*]

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

-Book of Common Worship (1 Corinthians 15:1-6)

Offertory

What Wondrous Love is This

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespas)

***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]*

SENDING

Charge
Benediction

Postlude *Alleluia!*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship

Join us for a time of fellowship, coffee, and cookies in Darley Hall directly after today's worship service.

No Monday night Games Up Here this week!

No games this week! Games will return on April 8th.

Wednesday Bible Study

No Bible study this week. We'll start our new series *Earthly Possessions* next week on Wednesday, April 10th.

Easter Octave

Don't forget to celebrate the Easter Octave with eight crazy nights of feasting and desserts.

Palm Crosses

Grab a couple of palm crosses from basket in the narthex on your way out and place them around your home and all over Lake City as a reminder of our call to love one another as Christ loved us.

Special Thanks...

To all those who help prepare for the the Maundy Thursday Meal of Remembrance: Silas Santos, Ken and Carolyn Nall, Al and Carrie Lutz, Lynn Hudgeons, Cindy Eberle, Teresa Furgerson, Susie Arnold, and Amy Humphreys.

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 25:6-9

25:6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

25:7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

25:8 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

25:9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15:1 Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,

15:2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

15:3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,

15:4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,

15:5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

15:6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

15:7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

15:8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

15:11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

John 20:1-18

20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

20:2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

20:4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

20:5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

20:6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

20:7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

20:8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

20:9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

20:10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

20:12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

20:13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

20:15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.