



# Community Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide  
28 April 2024

## GATHERING

### Eastertide Salutation

(One) Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

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

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

(One) Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

(One) Glory to you, O God, you are victorious over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

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

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

(All) **Let us now worship God, three in one, with the joyful "Alleluias" of praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

### Opening Prayer

### Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 22:25-31*

(One) From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

(All) **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**

(One) All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

(All) **For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

(One) To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**(All) Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

**\*Hymn (422)**

*Amazing Grace*

(1) Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

(2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

(3) The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

(4) Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

(5) When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

**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**

**First Reading**

*Acts 8:26-40*

**Second Reading**

*1 John 4:7-21*

**Gospel Reading**

*1 John 4:7-21*

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn**

*Beloved, Let Us Love One Another*

Beloved, let us love one another.  
For love is of God,  
And anyone that loveth is born of God,  
And knoweth God.

He that loveth not, (clap, clap, clap)  
Knoweth not God,  
For God is love.  
Beloved, let us love one another.

First John four verse seven and eight.

**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**

### **\*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Prayers of the People**

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

## **SENDING**

### **Charge**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Monday night Games Up Here this week!**

Games this week! Monday, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Annex.

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

Join us on Wednesday, May 1st as we return to our series—*Earthly Possessions*.

## **SCRIPTURES**

### **Acts 8:26-40**

8:26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)

8:27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship

8:28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

8:29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."

8:30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

8:31 He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

8:32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

8:33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

8:34 The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

8:35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

8:36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

8:38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

8:39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

8:40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### **1 John 4:7-21**

4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

4:9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

4:11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

4:12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

4:13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

4:15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

4:16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

4:19 We love because he first loved us.

4:20 Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

4:21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

### **1 John 4:7-21**

15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

15:2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

15:3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

15:4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

15:6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

15:8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.