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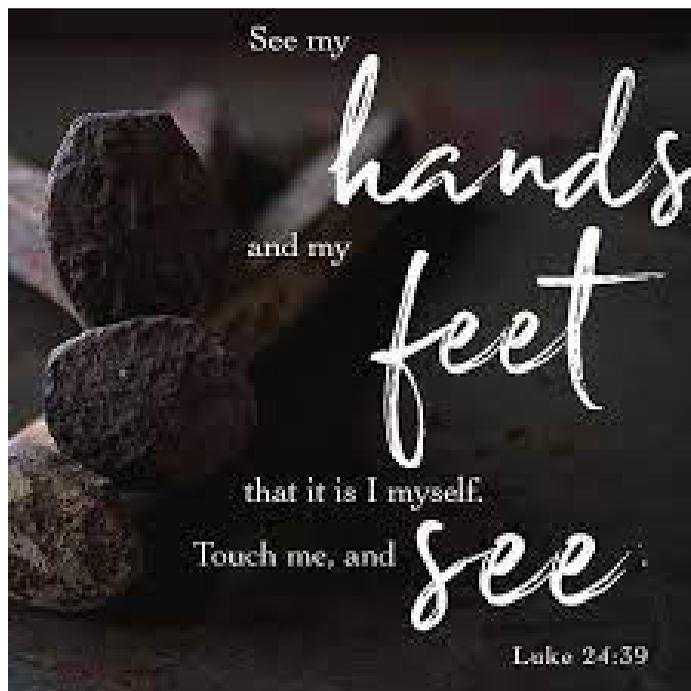
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April 18, 2021

*Welcome to worship
this morning!*

Bulletin Cues:

Bold indicates
congregational
response.



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,
he stood among them and said,
“Peace be with you.”

Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,
bursting in with new life and new hope.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



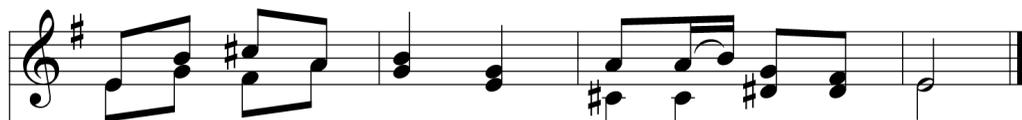
1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain;



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:12–19

As Peter and John enter the Temple to pray, they encounter a man disabled from birth who begs them for a handout. Instead, Peter heals him in the name of Jesus, causing great amazement among the onlookers.

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate,

though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 4 *adapted from Nan Merrill, Psalms for Praying*

Answer me when I call, Heart of my heart!

You wrapped me in Love when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me now; hear my prayer.

O friends, how long will my reputation suffer shame?

How long will you listen to false words?

I seek only what is life-giving.

The Beloved dwells with all who are filled with love;

Love hears when your heart cries out; do not give in to fear.

Rest in the stillness; trust in Love.

There are many who say, “Grant us special favors!

Give us your grace so that we may continue to prosper.”

Love has brought me more joy than when their riches overflow.

I will lie down and sleep in peace;

for you alone, Beloved, make me lie down in safety.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:1–7

How many of God’s children go unrecognized today? But “everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as Jesus is righteous.”

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Will Rise (Emi Yo Leke)

by Chris Tomlin, arr. by Craig Courtney & Lynda Hasseler
Utah Valley Institute Singers, soloist Alex Boye from Orem, Utah

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36b–48

This portion of Luke’s post-resurrection narrative follows the story of the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to their home in Emmaus. They recognized him only when he sat down to eat with them. He blessed the bread, and then vanished from their sight. They rushed back to Jerusalem to share their experience with the other disciples.

While the disciples were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Anna Kendrig Flores

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 295

Go to the World!

vs. 1 and 3



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator of all:

The two legged, the four legged,

The winged ones and those that crawl upon the earth,

And swim in your waters.

We believe in God, *Who Walked With Us*;

Our Brother born in humbleness

Who lived and died for us

and Who will come again to bring us to glory

Ever present, ever guiding, and upholding us

Showing us the principles to live by

Whose voice we hear through the prophets you have given us.

***Creator, One Who Walked with Us*, Spirit With Us, Holy One:**

We are named in the waters of baptism as your own,

All of us related, your children.

We watch for signs of your homecoming

And thank you for this sacred circle of life.

Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

A VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-Giver,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven.

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen

(The Affirmation of Faith comes from the Native American Ministry Team of the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA. They include this version of the Lord's Prayer as "a gift from one nation of indigenous people expressing the heart and spirit of our common origin and our human family." <http://www.lutheranssw.org/wp-content/uploads/Native-American-Resources09-2016.pdf>)

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

vs. 1 and 2

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Bear the light of God the Creator as you travel through life's mystery;

Hear the voice of the risen Christ calling you to the places you need to be;

Share the presence of the Holy Spirit with everyone you meet;

Carry the warm fellowship of faith to all in need of peace and comfort.

May the truth of Easter

The joy of Easter

And the blessings of Easter

Be with you this day and all days.

Amen



1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.



Today, we welcome Anna Kendig Flores, a teaching elder working for the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area as their coordinator for anti-racism efforts. She also serves as co-moderator for the General Assembly Committee on Representation (GACOR) and is a board-certified interfaith chaplain who served for close to 10 years in mental health chaplaincy at the University of Minnesota Medical Center. She is planning a permaculture medicinal garden for summer with a hope that gardening will teach her as much about faith and life as mountain biking has.

She served as moderator of the PTCA from 2019 to 2020 and, prior to that, chaired the Committee on Ethics. She has a long time interest in ethics as lived in small communities and systems, and justice-based ministries.



Book Discussion Group: Sunday, April 25 at 10:30
(just stay online after worship!)

***No Ocean Too Wide*, by Carrie Turansky**
All are welcome!

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, April 18

9:30 am Online Worship Service

10:30 am Blue Sky Conversation

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, April 19

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 20

10:00 am Online Bible Study

12:00 pm Conference Call *

12:00 pm Bulletin Items due

12:00 pm Newsletter Items due

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, April 21

6:30 am Prayer Group

Friday, April 23

12:00 pm Conference Call*

Sunday, April 25

9:30 am Online Worship Service

10:30 am Book Discussion Group



Judy Leal

Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and

the Burgstaler grandchildren

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Glenna Muir and her mother

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please contact the church office at
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email office@cpchester.org.
For emergency pastoral care,
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.*

Online Worship /Bible Study

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* Tuesday/Friday Conference Call

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>

+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#

Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma
Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Anna Kendrig Flores
Liturgist	Margie Petersen
IT Support	Louis Bouchard