

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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**April 4, 2021**  
**Easter**  
**Sunday**



*Welcome to  
worship this  
morning!*

*Bulletin Cues:  
**Bold** indicates  
congregational  
response.*

*An Asterisk (\*)  
indicates please  
stand, if able.*

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Early in the morning, the women went to Jesus' tomb.

The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,

for God's love is stronger than death itself.

Let us join our voices with the first to witness:

**"We have seen the Lord!"**

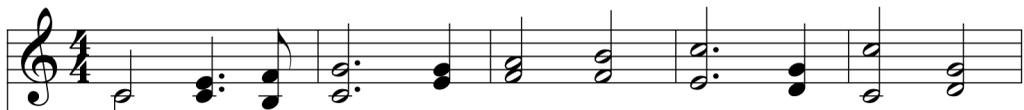
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN GTG 246

Christ Is Alive!

vs. 1-3



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Long Live God*  
by Stephen Schwartz, *Godspell*

### 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 10:34-43**

*The risen Christ commissioned his followers to spread the life-giving word of Jesus' resurrection to all people. God appeared to Peter in a vision and convinced him that the good news of God's love extended to everyone.*

Then Peter began to speak to Cornelius, a Roman soldier, and to his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

### GOSPEL READING      **Mark 16:1-8**

*Women were the first witnesses to the resurrection, according to the Gospel of Mark.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there

is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

SERMON

*Skin*

Pastor Jan

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

vs. 1 and 4

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as God's love. Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Yes. It can happen.**

**Yes. It can take place.**

**Yes. God can do it.**

**After all, the angel said “Do not be afraid.”**

**After all, the tomb was found empty.**

**After all, the Spirit, “will pray for you.”**

**After all, God wants peace and reconciliation**

**After all, God’s name is “justice.”**

**After all, God is “liberation.”**

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**Yes. It can take place.**

**Yes. God can do it.**

*(from the Center of Concern, [www.coc.org](http://www.coc.org))*

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

**hear our prayer.**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up in love.**

Give thanks to the Beloved, who is Spirit and truth.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We do thank and praise you, our Creator, our Savior, and our Friend,...and sing your grace and glory with all creatures of earth and sea and sky, and all the company of heaven:

SANCTUS GTG 552

Holy, Holy, Holy

# Holy, Holy, Holy

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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

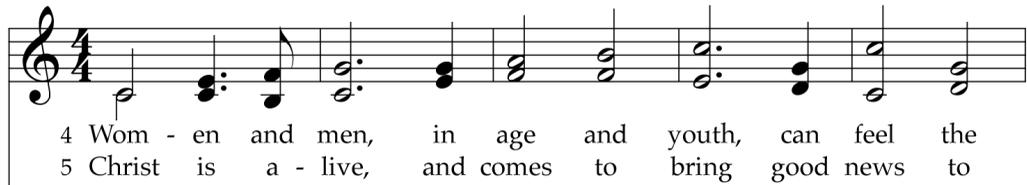
Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

## SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

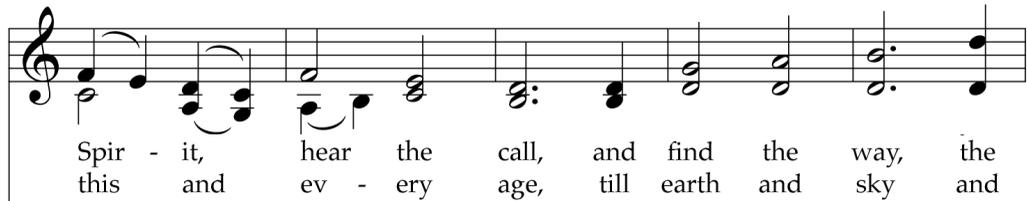
\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 246

Christ Is Alive!

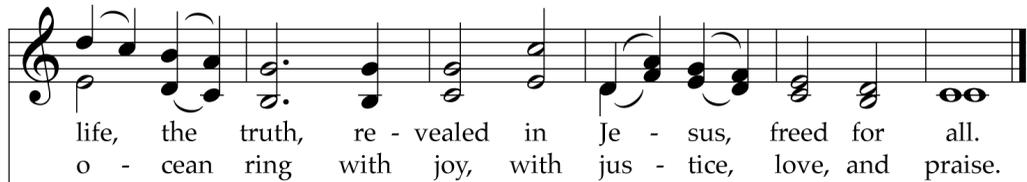
vs. 4 & 5



4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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### \*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**



Thank you to the Jubellation Handbell  
Choir for playing the descant on our  
hymn today! Jubellation introduces  
two of the new bells in the descant.  
Three new bells (and a case for them)  
were made possible by a donation  
given by the Olson family and other  
Memorial donations given in memory  
of Bruce Felger's son, and others.

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## TODAY AT CPC

### Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday

9:30 am Outdoor/Online Worship Service  
with Communion

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, April 5

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 6

10:00 am Online Bible Study

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

12:00 pm Bulletin Items due

6:00 pm Brain Injury Support Group

7:00 pm Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, April 7

6:30 am Prayer Group

Friday, April 9

12:00 pm Conference Call\*

### Sunday, April 11

9:30 am Online Worship Service

10:30 am Blue Sky Conversation



Judy Leal

Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and  
the Burgstaler grandchildren

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Glenna Muir and her mother

Susie Olson

Jane Burgstaler's friend, Sara

*To be added to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office at  
507-280-9291 or  
email [office@cpchester.org](mailto: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

Liturgist	Dave Copeland
IT Support	Louis Bouchard