

Community Presbyterian Church  
open hearted, open minded



**April 9, 2023**  
**Easter Sunday**

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, \* indicates please stand, if able.  
Bathrooms are located down the hall, around the corner to the left. A family bathroom is located in the hallway on the right hand side (next to the Kidz Klub).

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

What are you looking for?

**The light before dawn.**

What are you looking for?

**A reason to hope.**

What are you looking for?

**Joy after grief and flowers after winter.**

What are you looking for?

**A place to belong.**

What are you looking for?

**We are looking for the Messiah.**

Good news! Come in. Love is alive!

**Surely God is in this place.**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*vs. 1 and 2*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus Christ Is Risen Today'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first line of lyrics is '1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,' and the second line is '2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with mostly quarter notes and some chords.

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross,  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!

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**RESPONSIVE PRAYERS:**

With gratitude, we recall the events of Holy Week:

**We are grateful for the tables we gather around,  
for the friends that feel like family.**

We give thanks for this church—our band of disciples.

**We remember how you washed the disciples' feet that night,  
and trust that that same love extends to us.**

With sorrow, we recall Good Friday.

**We grieve the depths of cruelty woven into that day—  
a cruelty so many in this hurting world know.**

For those who are still caught in sorrow and loss,

**hold their grief for them and point them toward peace.**

Thank you for giving us reason to hope.

**Thank you for the sunrise after a long night,  
for the healing of bones and hearts.**

Thank you for laughter that is contagious,  
and for the joy we feel in this community.

**Point every gratitude and joy in our life back to you.**

God of resurrection, Mary went to the garden looking for you.

**Two thousand years later, we follow in her footsteps.**

We seek after you, hungry to hear you say our names.

**So hold all of our prayers in your hearts,  
and continue to reveal yourself in this broken world. Amen**

*Query: What gives you cause for joy or hope today?*

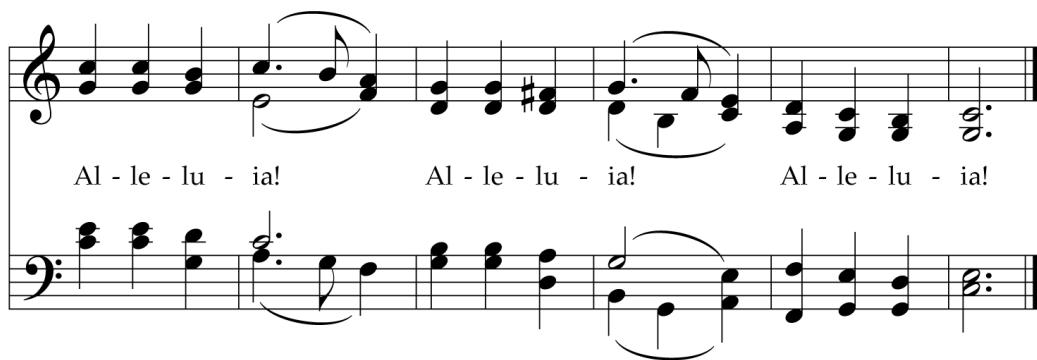
HYMN OF PRAISE GTG 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

vs. 1 & 3

1 Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry that love, that life which

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
can-not die, and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:



## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING      Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Introit for Easter*

words and music by Joel Raney

CPC Choir and Jubellation Handbell Choir

GOSPEL READING      John 20:1-18

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. 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). 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."' 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.

SERMON

*Holy Hope*

Pastor Jan Wiersma

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 246

Christ Is Alive

vs. 1, 3, 5

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in resurrection—

**mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet,  
like tulips after the snow: real.**

We believe in Easter morning—

**in the promise of a God  
who would roll back every stone to return to us.**

We believe in Jesus—

**who calls us by name and asks,  
“Who are you looking for?”**

So we look—

**for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.  
And as we look, we sing, “Alleluia!”  
Amen.**

### JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

**hear our prayer.**

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, holy be your name.  
Impose your reign that we may do your will, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today this one day’s bread.  
Forgive our wrongs as we forgive those who do wrong against us.  
Save us from our temptations and keep us from doing evil,  
For the Realm, the power, and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever. Amen.**

# SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 238

Thine Is the Glory

*all verses*

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is  
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment  
he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness  
with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering  
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

**BLESSING AND CHARGE**

As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking.

Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary.

Seek the good in every person you pass.

Seek out the hopeful. Seek the faithful.

Seek God in each of us.

As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what you are looking for.

In the name of our loving God, who is always seeking us,

go now in peace. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**



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Paraphrased Lord's Prayer by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*.

### **Church Staff**

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

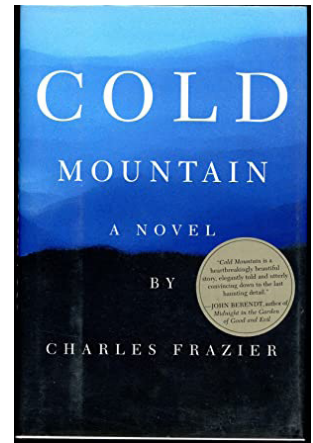
### **Serving in Worship Today**

Liturgist	Sue Chipman
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

# BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The April selection for the Book Discussion Group *Cold Mountain* by Jonathan Frazier. The group will meet on April 23 after worship. “[T]his extraordinary tale of a soldier’s perilous journey back to his beloved at the end of the Civil War is at once an enthralling adventure, a stirring love story, and a luminous evocation of a vanished land. Adapted into an Oscar-nominated movie starring Nicole Kidman and Jude Law, and a 2015 opera co-commissioned between Santa Fe Opera, Opera Philadelphia and the Minnesota Opera, *Cold Mountain* portrays an era that continues to speak eloquently to our time.”



**Read the book! Join in on the discussion! All are welcome!**

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## *Easter Season: gather in gratitude!*

“If the only prayer you ever said was ‘Thank you!’ that would be enough.” Meister Eckhardt.

Beginning on Easter Sunday, join in the celebration of the resurrection, continuing through Pentecost, May 28, with the theme of **Gratitude**.

We rejoice in God’s great gifts to us of renewal and rebirth in Jesus Christ, in this loving and deeply connected family of faith, and in the various ministries now coming to a close of Meg Cain, Music Director; Judy Kereakos, Handbell Director, and Pastor Jan Wiersma.

Gratefully, we look forward to new leadership yet to be determined!



A farewell party for Pastor Jan Wiersma, Meg Cain and Judy Kereakos is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, after the church service.

The event will honor the many years these three have served Community Presbyterian Church. Lunch will be served. Watch for more information about the work they have done.

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## Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday

- 8:30 am Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal  
9:30 am **Worship- Onsite and Online**  
2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday, April 10

Easter Monday, office closed

Tuesday, April 11

- 10:00 am PW Bible Study  
12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due  
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee  
7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, April 12

- 6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC  
12:00 pm Conference Call \*  
6:00 pm Confirmation  
7:00 pm CPC Choir

Thursday, April 13

- 5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios  
7:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 16

- 9:30 am **Worship- Onsite and Online**  
2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

### Online Worship:

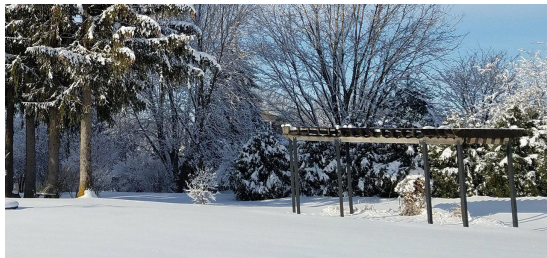
Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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\* **Wednesday's Conference Call**

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Judy Leal  
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughter Jenny  
Connie Holst  
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa  
Shannon Cisewski  
Ron Murray  
Dick and Nancy Massaro  
Nellie Brovold's grandma, Hilda  
The Hall Family

*To be added to the prayer list,  
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For emergency pastoral care,  
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.*