



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship April 14, 2024 9:30am
Third Sunday of Easter and Music Appreciation Sunday

Gathering

PRELUDE "Westminster Tune" arr. David N. Johnson
Linda Dover, organist

In worship following reflective music, we are requesting a response of quiet or a contemplative "amen." Any music that elicits a response of applause is to the glory of God.

WELCOME Rev. Karen Wright

INTROIT "Allegro con moto" by Jason Krug
Charter Ringers
Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, co-directors
*"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music." Psalm 98:4*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Come and see the love God has given to us.

ALL: Come and see what it means to be children of God.

ONE: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

ALL: With joy, we come to see the Lord.

*HYMN "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" ENGELBERG
Congregation, Charter Ringers, & Organ arr. Anna Laura Page

309 When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified

Unison

1. When, in our mu - sic, God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
 2. How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
 3. So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
 4. And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
 5. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re -

ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole cre -
 men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship moved us to a
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness to the truth in
 e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us sing, for whom He
 joyce who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to

a - tion cried
 more pro - found
 ev - ery tongue, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 won the fight:
 sing al - ways

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1972 (Mark 14:26)

MUSIC: Charles V. Stanford, 1904

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ENGELBERG

10.10.10 with alleluias

Lower key, No. 318

Alternate tune, SINE NOMINE

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing. Worship bags are available for children who stay in worship.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Karen Wright

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God, You have told us to trust in you with all of our hearts. You have told us not to lean on our own understanding. And so we try to trust, but we get very nervous when we don't understand. We don't understand what you mean by "This bread is my body." "This cup is the new covenant in my blood." We don't understand who will betray you or why or what that will mean for us. We don't understand how death is victory. We don't understand post-resurrection life—yours or ours. We don't understand why you ask us to stay here, and we're afraid we will somehow miss the power when it comes down from on high. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you and all others!**

*HYMN 251, *stanzas 1, 4, & 5* "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"
Jill Endaya-Allen, djembe

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

251 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has a -
 5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Al - le - lu -

praise him, al - le - lu - ia. For our re - deem - er
 strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did
 Je - sus who is not here. See for your - selves the
 ris - en this world to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing
 ia, to him prais - es be. Je - sus is liv - ing!

burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 death un - der - go, and in its con - quest his might did show.
 tomb is all bare. On - ly the grave clothes are ly - ing there."
 la - bors are done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 Let us all sing; he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

The good news of the Resurrection is retold in this lively hymn from Tanzania, blending 20th-century words with a traditional melody. In African call-and-response practice, the stanzas would ordinarily be sung by a soloist or small group and the refrain by the whole congregation.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful

sing he has come to de-destroy. Our sin for-giv-ing,

al-le-lu-ia! Je-sus is liv-ing, al-le-lu-ia!

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:1–7 (NRSVue)

Cindy Schendel

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.

ANTHEM

“Break Into Song”

by Donna Butler Douglas

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

Rebecca Prater, director – Linda Dover, accompanist

*Open your heart, feel the harmonies ringing.
Lift up your voice, set your spirit free.
Dance in the joy as we celebrate this day.
Open your heart, feel the harmonies ringing.
Lift up your voice, set your spirit free.
Capture the hope of our Savior's boundless love.*

***So, break, break into song. Sing praise to the Lord.
Let music resound in every heart.
Reach out to the world. Join hearts in the song.
Give voice to the music of God's grace.
So, let us sing!***

*Open your arms to a friend or neighbor.
Reach out in faith to a world in need.
Listen to God. Let his rhythm guide your way.
Open your arms to a friend or neighbor.
Reach out in faith to a world in need.
Gather in joy, share your music, join the song!*

*Alleluia! Sing praise!
Sing praise and raise your voices!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:36b–48 (NRSVue)

While they 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. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and 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.

**Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Following the Pattern”

Rev. Karen Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC "Rise Up (Lazarus)"

by Cain

Praise Team – Carrie DeVries, director
*In the dark and all alone, growing comfortable
are you too scared to move and walk out of the tomb?
Buried underneath the lies that you believed
safe and sound, stuck in the ground, too lost to be found.
You're just asleep. And it's time to leave.*

*Come on and rise up, take a breath, you're alive now.
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us out from the grave like Lazarus
You're brand new, the power of death couldn't hold you
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us out from the grave like Lazarus*

*When he said your name the thing that filled your veins
Was more than blood' it's the kind of love that washes sin away
Now the door is open wide and the stone's been rolled aside
The old is gone the light has come. So*

*Come on and rise up, take a breath, you're alive now.
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us out from the grave like Lazarus
You're brand new, the power of death couldn't hold you
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us out from the grave like Lazarus*

*He's calling us to walk out of the dark ~ He's giving us new resurrected hearts
Rise up out from the grave like Lazarus*

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Karen Wright

*SONG TO SEND

"May the Peoples Praise You"
Praise Team verses/**All chorus**

by Getty, Getty, Townend,
Cash & Zimmer

This our holy priv'lege to declare your praises and your name
To ev'ry nation, tribe and tongue your church proclaim.

May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!

All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty.

Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty,

All creation praise your glorious name.

May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!

All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!

All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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Music Appreciation 2024

Vocal Ensembles

Joy! Singers (4s – 1st graders)

Emily Hussey & Hilary Schmidt, co-directors – Caitlin Hussey, assistant director

Celebration! Choir & Chimes (2nd – 5th/6th graders)

Pam Kelly, director – Lara Schesser, assistant director

Angela Krug, accompanist

Praise Team

Carrie DeVries, director – Jill Endaya-Allen, percussion

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers (CHEX)

Rebecca Prater, director – Bob Dover, assistant director

Linda Dover, accompanist/organist – Edwin Fukunaga, assistant accompanist

Instrumental Ensembles

Charter Ringers

Celia Nicholas & Chris Krug, co-directors

Jubilation! & Exaltation! Ringers

Kathy Bures, director

Spirit! Ringers – (5th – 8th graders)

Rebecca Prater, director

Lindsay Callender & Edwin Fukunaga, assistant directors

GPC Orchestra/Wind Ensemble

Pam Kelly, director – Jim Kelly, assistant

Chancel Brass

Jim Kelly & Darryl Prater, co-directors

Grace Mountain (Bluegrass)

Christopher Callender, director – Donna Goeckler, assistant

Dixieland Band

Bob Dover, director

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