

April 7th, 2024

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Low in the Grave He Lay/Jesus Christ is Risen Today
arr. Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Candle

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The God of resurrection power called our Lord out of the tomb,
and in so doing, called the whole creation into new life.

**People: Even now, the risen Lord calls us to join the way of
resurrection, to lift our eyes and raise our hearts,
to transform our minds and renew our spirits.**

Leader: Let us once again step into awareness of the Lord's presence,
that we may offer our worship, and be nourished for the Gospel
kingdom's work.

People: We worship and pray in the name of the risen Christ.

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

***Hymn #248** Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Call to Confession

Leader: In confessing our doubt and fear today, we claim our hope in
the risen Christ, who gives us a vision to believe in and the peace of
forgiveness and unity. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Living God,

**As we seek to be Easter people, we confess that doubt and fear
keep us from fully claiming the hope of abundant life for all
people.**

**Feeling overwhelmed by how much there is to be done, we doubt
your promise to complete our joy.**

**Seeing the boldness of sin, we fear that those who put themselves
in your hands for salvation and transformation will be no match
for those who relish the pursuit of greed and violence.**

Help us see your effectiveness among us, Almighty God, and trust that united in faith with the risen Christ, we too walk out of the tomb into life. May we come to believe and act on our belief knowing that Christ has made that way for all people.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus's disciple John assures us that he is the resurrection and the life, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 16:8-11

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Children's Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

Passing the Peace

***Hymn #238** Thine is the Glory

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 24:13-35

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon The Surprising Way Christ Shows Up

Offering

Offertory Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
(Based on the Tune of Hymn 237)

Friedrich Zachau

***Doxology**



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
 here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

***Prayer of Dedication**

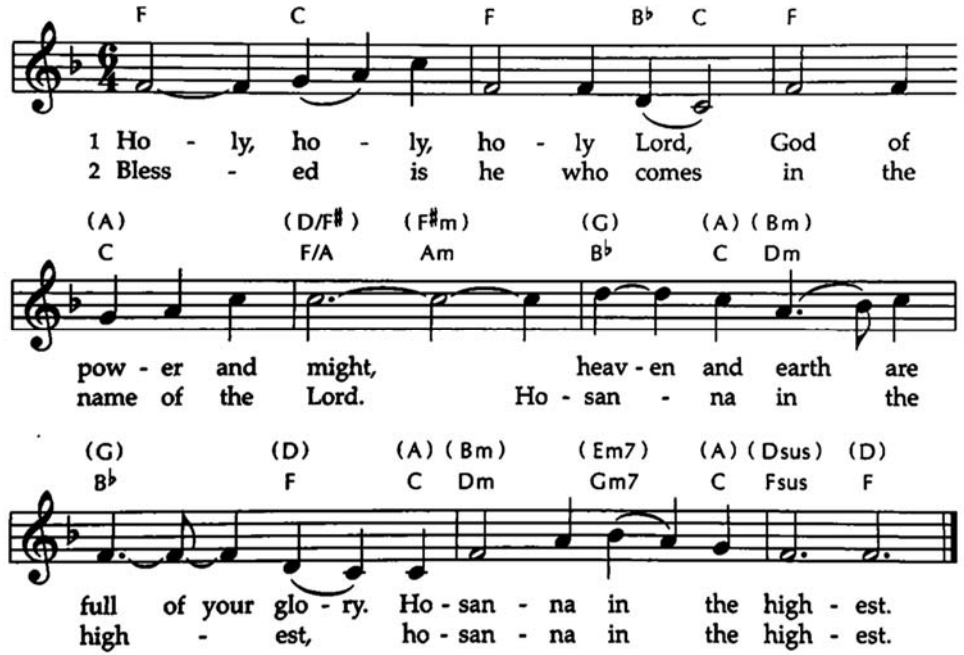
Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer continues...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:



F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 (A) (D/F[#]) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

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

Prayer continues...

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Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C F^{sus} F

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.

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

You are invited to eat the bread as it is served; Please hold the cup until all have been served; We will drink together. Please let the servers know if you need gluten free bread.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God of our salvation, you have restored us to life, you have brought us back again into your love by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ: continue to heal us as we go to live and work in the power of your Spirit, to your praise and glory, Amen.

***Hymn #246** Christ is Alive!

Benediction

Postlude Toccata in G William Walond

The flowers today are in loving memory of Lauren Schoenleber from her sister Linda Talerico.

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Organist:	Kathleen Healy-Wesworth
Liturgist:	Nancy Vodhanel
Ushers:	Peter Bruguere
	Rich Vodhanel
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
Social Hour:	Church & Society

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

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.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

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.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

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.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

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.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

Thine Is the Glory

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 con-querors

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-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.

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

Christ Is Alive!

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

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

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

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.

8	APR, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
9	APR, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Dorcas (FH and Kitchen)
10	APR, WED	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	P&A Meeting (ZOOM)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Boy Scout Leader Meeting (O)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
11	APR, THU	● 12:30 – 1pm	Homesteaders Chair Yoga (FH)
		● 1 – 3pm	Homesteaders (FH)
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
13	APR, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
14	APR, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Worship Committee (TR)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)