

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

Reformed Church in America

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Welcome to worship.

May you be as blessed through this service as we are by your presence

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*“Since [Jesus] bids me seek his face, believe his Word and trust his grace,
I’ll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!”*

(William W. Walford)

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #60 - “May Jesus Christ Be Praised!”*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

Come and worship God who makes all things new.

WE PRAISE THE ONE WHO CAN MAKE THE EARTH NEW AGAIN.

God wishes to renew more than the earth.

WHAT DOES GOD SEEK TO TRANSFORM?

God wants to transform us into the divine image.

DOESN'T GOD LOVE US AS WE ARE?

God loves you just as you are but desires you to become even more.

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE ONE WHO TRANSFORMS US WITH LOVE. AMEN.

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

** Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

Easter Prayer (in unison)

WE CONFESS TO YOU, O GOD, THAT WE HAVE NOT YET BECOME TOTALLY CHANGED INTO YOUR IMAGE AND LIKENESS. THERE IS MORE DUST AND CLAY IN US THAN THERE IS SPIRIT AND LIGHT. WE ARE CENTERED IN OUR OWN LIVES, RATHER THAN YOURS. WE JUDGE PEOPLE AND EVENTS ON HOW THEY AFFECT OUR HAPPINESS RATHER THAN WHETHER OR NOT THEY HASTEN YOUR REIGN. WE FIND TIME TO DO THE THINGS THAT ARE REALLY IMPORTANT TO US BUT WE HAVE LITTLE TIME FOR YOU AND FOR OUR NEIGHBORS. FORGIVE US AND RENEW US BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THAT WE MAY TRULY BE TRANSFORMED INTO THE LIKENESS OF OUR GOD. AMEN

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #276 - "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"*

Easter Theme: "Resurrection Hope!"

Scripture: Psalm 4:1-8 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-8)

John 20:19-31 (vv.19-21,22-24,25-27,28-31)

Sermon- "Resurrection Hope That Removes All Our Doubts"

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #319 - "Blessed Assurance"*

* *Choral Benediction- "Shalom to You" (congregation)*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

* *Benediction (Pastor)*

* *Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You" (congregation)*

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* *Benediction (Pastor)*

* Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Friday	7:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" virtual meeting
		The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Erin * Melanie Muzsik * Connie * Pat Lynam * Mr. Lacosia * Marva Taitt * Sandra McPherson * Carole Mahon * Naomi Shapiro * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Terry Mahon * Diante * Ellen McCullough * Peter Koys * Ethan * Damon George Hayden * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Rosa Stewart * LouEllen Crowley * People with COVID

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Morrison family * Close friends of the Bungerts * Stephanie * Jessica and Julian * Shapiro family * Dorothy * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Jay & family * Delgado family * Win-tress * Domina * Denise Waldron * Byrd family * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * Ed Reidy & family * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction:

Zechariah * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Nick * Alex Ingram * Terry Mahon

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * COVID patients, families & all healthcare workers * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * Our President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Reidy & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Rita Piri

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory will meet after worship next Sunday.

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.

May Jesus Christ Be Praised — 60

German hymn
Trans. by Edward Caswall

JOSEPH BARNBY

1. When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:
3. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss The love - liest strain is this:
4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:

May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
May Je - sus Christ be praised! The pow'rs of dark - ness fear
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal song

To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
When this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Thru all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!*

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI

WORSHIP: THE SON

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

276 — The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

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1. The blood that Je - sus shed for me,
2. It soothes my doubts and calms my fears,

Way back on Cal - va - ry— The blood that gives me strength from
And it dries all my tears; The blood that gives me strength from

day to day— It will nev - er lose its pow'r.
day to day— It will nev - er lose its pow'r.

REFRAIN

It reach-es to the high - est moun - tain, It flows to the

low - est val - ley; The blood that gives me strength from

day to day— It will nev - er lose its pow'r.

Psalm 4:1-8 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-8)
John 20:19-31 (vv.19-21,22-24,25-27,28-31)

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah*

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ When you are disturbed,^[a] do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*

⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!”

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah,^[c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Blessed Assurance — 319

FANNY J. CROSBY

PHOEBE P. KNAPP

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of rap - ture now
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion—all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

CHORUS
Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.

this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my

sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

ASSURANCE AND TRUST