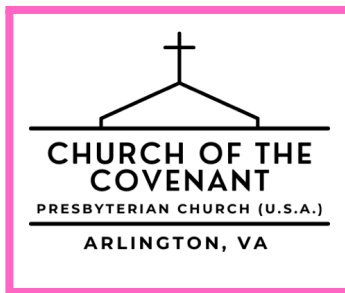




# LOVE WINS



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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

11:00 am

(\* *You're invited to stand as you are able.*)

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE TOMB**

Rev. Caitlin Culp

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #232**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Hear the good news! The Lord is alive!

**All: Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

One: The risen Lord destroys death, conquers sin, and wipes away all shame.

**All: Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

One: We are drenched in radiating mystery:

**All: Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THRESHOLD SONG FOR LENT**

*Show Us How to Love*

*Hearts open, minds awake, change us now for heaven's sake. Leave us not alone in hatred's wake.*

*Show us how to love. Show us how to love. Show us how, show us how to love.*

{pause for greeting}

*Eyes open, shocked awake, much to learn from our mistakes. Draw us closer in our heartache.*

*Show us how to love. Show us how to love. Show us how, show us how to love.*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

**Risen Lord, while we proclaim your victory over sin and death, we confess the heavy sins we carry. We sing, "Alleluia," but we have abandoned you and one another. We shout, "He is risen," but we fail to love like you love us. Forgive us. Loosen our reliance on violent patterns and free us for joyful belonging, that the story of your resurrection might bring us to life. Turn our hearts and hands to your work of justice, joy, and stubborn hope...*silent prayer.***

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*RESPONSE #582**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

## PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

One: May the love and peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

### ANTHEM

*On This Day* by Michael Jochen

Covenant Choir

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nora & Colleen

### FIRST SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-10

Nora, Colleen, Kent, & Caitlin

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kent Hamaker & Caitlin Culp

### SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 20:12-18

Nora, Colleen, Kent, & Caitlin

### SERMON

Caitlin Culp

### \*HYMN #110

*Love Has Come*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

*from the Book of Common Worship*

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer requests are listed in the bulletin. You're invited to share prayer requests aloud.

## EUCCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### \*DOXOLOGY #607

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SENDING

### \*CLOSING HYMN #248

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*HALLELUJAH CHORUS

***King of kings! and Lord of lords! King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!***

### \*POSTLUDE & CLOSING PROCESSION

*Ode to Joy*

You're invited to join the closing procession as we carry Christ's L-O-V-E into the world. We'll rejoin for fellowship & the egg hunt.

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*Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. The Usher is Stan Fetter. The liturgists are Nora Tyagi & Colleen Pinkerton. The guest trumpeter is Jamie Johnson. The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church's website.*

*One Great Hour of Sharing special offering contributions will be collected today, including "fish banks." Please use the envelope provided with the bulletin.*

*Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children's activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. There is also childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary.*

*Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs in the foyer. A diaper changing station is in the "Teen Lounge," which is past the bathrooms, through the double doors, on the left past the library. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.*

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## PRAYER LIST

Almighty God, we pray for our world and our church.

Prayers for **peace in the Middle East**; for **cessation of hostilities between Israel, Iran, & USA**.

**Lola**

**Othow** and his ministry in South Sudan.

*\*If you have prayer requests you'd like added to this list, email [covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com](mailto:covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com). Prayers remain on this list for two weeks unless we hear otherwise.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Annual Congregational Meeting** - Sunday, April 12th, 12:15pm, *Fellowship Hall*

- Lunch will be provided. All are welcome & encouraged to attend
- Agenda items will include: the election of 3 members from the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2026, highlights from Session Teams, Financial statements, and the 2026 budget
- Rev. Culp will give her first "State of Covenant" Address

**Spring Alive! Festival** - Saturday, April 25th, 2pm-4pm, *Covenant parking lot*

- Visit with local organizations, including watching live painting demos
- Eat popcorn, snocones, & Indonesian food
- Jump in the bouncehouse, make arts & crafts, blow bubbles
- Connect with the community



**WEEKLY HAPPENINGS**  
MMQB Men's Group, Mondays, 10am  
Bible Study, Tuesdays, 10am, Zoom  
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesdays, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall  
Devotional Time, Thursdays, 12pm, Zoom

### **COVENANT CONNECTIONS**

- To receive church emails or connect further, email [covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com](mailto:covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com)
- Printed copies of the 2026 Church Directory are available on the table in the foyer. The directory was also emailed to you.

### **EASTER LILIES**

Thank you to these folks who contributed Easter lilies for this Easter season:

