

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.*

– Francis Bacon

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

“Christ Arose”

Robert Lowry; arr. Greg Howlett

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP (1 John 1:1-3)

One: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

All: *The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.*

One: We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us.

All: *And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.*

Opening Hymn: #248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend,
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Like them, we are imperfect. Like them, we can be fearful of sharing the Good News of your resurrection. Forgive us our sins. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sung response:

“Gloria Patri”

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION:

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

Mark and Stephanie Hontz

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Gospel:

John 20: 19-30

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive

them, they are not forgiven.”²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus¹), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON:

“Doubts”

Mark Hontz

MUSICAL REFLECTION:

“He Lives”

Mark and Stephanie Hontz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING - (*in-person worshippers are welcome to leave offerings in the plate by the door on your way out.*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

Mark Hontz

POSTLUDE:

“God Leads Us Along”

by George A. Young; arr. Greg Howlett

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Participating in today’s Worship and Fellowship are . . .

Pulpit Supply:	Mark Hontz
Pastor:	Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Director of Family Ministries:	Deacon Melissa Ash
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Organist:	Mary Elizabeth Rawley
Ushers/Greeters:	Al and Vicki Kopacka

Welcome to our In-person Worship Service. We welcome Mark and Stephanie Hontz back to CPC this morning! Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they do not know and introduce visitors to us.

Our flowers this morning are given by Betty Wright to the glory of God and in honor of family.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, April 18: Acts 3:12-19 and Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48.

Ushers for April 18, 2021: Dale and Carol Davis



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