

# **Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!**

**MARCH 31, 2024**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**10:00 a.m.**

*Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.*

Quote for Meditation: *"Easter proves that no matter what we do to God, he will keep coming back".*

- Rev. Bob Armstrong

**GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Elder Nancy M. Thaiss

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**PRELUDE:**

**"Lift High the Cross"**

Bell Choir

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder Nancy M. Thaiss

One: Glory to you, O God:

**All: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.**

One: Glory to you, O Christ:

**All: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

One: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth

**All: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity now and forever, Amen.**

**\* Opening Hymn: #232**

**"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Elder Nancy M. Thaiss

**Almighty God,**

**in raising Jesus from the grave,**

**you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,**

**bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry,**

**and pass by those who mourn;**

**we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,**

**and indifferent to calls for peace;**

**we despise the weak,**

**and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.**

**Help us to trust your power**

**to change our lives and make us new,**

**that we may know the joy of life abundant**

**given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Nancy M. Thaiss

**\*Sung response: #246**

**"Christ Is Alive" vs. 1**

***Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.***

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Chris Scrivens

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**Prophets:**

**Isaiah 25:6-9 (OT pg. 613)**

Elder Nancy M. Thaiss

**Gospel:**

**Mark 16:1-8 (NT pg. 51)**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

## Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

**All: *Thanks be to God!***

## EASTER REFLECTION

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**\*HYMN: #238**

**"Thine Is the Glory"**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## LITANY FOR EASTER

One: O Christ, in your resurrection,  
the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!

By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

**All: *Keep us victorious over sin.***

One: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

**All: *Guide us in the way of eternal life.***

One: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

**All: *Give us joy in your service.***

One: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

**All: *Direct our lives as your new creation.***

One: God of mercy,  
we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,  
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.  
From the waters of death you raise us with him  
and renew your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts  
the risen life we share with Christ,  
and help us to grow as your people  
toward the fullness of eternal life with you,  
through Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING –**

Elder Nancy M. Thaiss

**OFFERTORY:**

**“Easter Anthem”**

*W. Billings*

Choir

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” verse 3**

*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 THANKSGIVING**

Elder Nancy M. Thaiss

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

*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**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #236**

**“The Strife Is O’er”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**\*RESPONSE:**

**“Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah**

*G. F. Handel*

Choir joined by members of the Congregation

*\*please rise in body or in Spirit*

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

Guest Minister:	Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant	Elder Nancy Thaiss
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Carolyn Bearlepp
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Ushers	Elder Carolyn and Catie Bearlepp



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***Our flowers this morning have been given to the Glory of God by:***

*Joe and Carolyn Bearlepp in honor of our family*

*The Burns and Sebastian Families in memory of Mom/Noni*

*Sue and Art D'Angelo in loving memory of Mary Stacey*

*Al and Vicki Kopacka in memory of loved ones*

*Vince and Terri Kramer. He is Risen!*

*Al and Janet Lindstrom in memory of Jay Jenkins*

*The Marks Family in loving memory of Thomas Marks*

*Cynthia and Matt McConnell in memory of Martha McConnell and Richard Lieb*

*Karen Newhouse in honor of her husband, John*

*Ann Marie O'Connor in memory of those past and in honor of those present and those yet to come*

*Tom and Jeanne Perry in memory of loved ones*

*Matthew Petrozelli in honor of Claudette Petrozelli and in memory of Joseph Petrozelli*

*The Pfaff Family in loving memory of Opal and Wade Johnson and Ruth and John Pfaff*

*Jacki Spinelli in memory of my sweet sisters-in law*

*Norm and Nancy Thaiss in honor of loved ones*

*Judy Treutlein in loving memory of George Treutlein and Al, Charlotte, Caleb and Jimmy O'Brien*

