

## **Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!**

**MAY 2, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 a.m.**

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

Prayer/Quote for Meditation: ***“In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.”*** - 1 John 4:10,11

**GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**PRELUDE:**

**“Simple Gifts, Part 1”** Shaker Hymn

arr.Noel Goeman

### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: O God,  
form the minds of your faithful people into a single will.  
Make us love what you command  
and desire what you promise,

**All: *that, amid all the changes of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.***

**OPENING HYMN: #245**

**“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”**

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!  
Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!  
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!  
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now, Alleluia!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***We have heard it said, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Welcoming God, we confess how narrowly we define our neighbor and how easily we turn away from those who are not quite like us. We confess our fear of the “other” and our willingness to believe the worst***

***about them. We confess how hard it is to enlarge our vision to include all those whom you call members of your family.***

***Holy one, forgive us and set us free to love those whom you love so that we may find healing and peace, for Jesus 'sake, 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.

**Baptism of Quinn Ruth LaClair, daughter of Daniel and Meghan Menagh LaClair - see insert**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**New Testament:**

**Acts 8:26-40**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**Gospel:**

**John 15:1-8**

Elder Judy Treutlein

**Response:**

**One:** This is the Word of God.

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

**SERMON:**

**“Roadside Evangelism”**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE:**

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

*Kocher/Kevenes*

**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.)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER**

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.***

**SEALING THE WORD**

**INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** *(please see insert)*

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**POSTLUDE:**

**“Simple Gifts Part 2”**

*Shaker Hymn arr. Noel Goeman*

† † † † † †

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

|                                |                                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pastor:                        | The Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens |
| Lay Assistant:                 | Deacon Judy Treutlein                |
| Director of Family Ministries: | Deacon Melissa Ash                   |
| Music Director:                | Matt Petrozelli                      |
| Organist:                      | Mary Elizabeth Rawley                |
| Substitute Pianist:            | Vicki Kopacka                        |
| Ushers:                        | Barbara Misar, Nancy M. Thaiss       |

Welcome to our Worship Service ~ Back in our Sanctuary!! Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they don't know and introduce visitors to us.

Our flowers this morning are given by Bill Wolgamuth to the glory of God and in loving memory of Myra.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, May 9 are: Acts 10:44-48 and *Psalm 98*; John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lay Assistant for May 9: | John Pfaff                 |
| Ushers for May 9:        | Michelle and Jake Scrivens |



**E-giving at Community Presbyterian Church**

If you would like to donate to the mission of Community Presbyterian Church, just scan the QR code to the left and it will take you to our donations page, managed by the PCUSA.

**COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Chester, New Jersey 07930

The Rev. Christopher W. Scrivens, Pastor

Office Telephone: (908) 879-5091 E-Mail Address: [office@cpchester.org](mailto:office@cpchester.org)  
[www.cpcchester.org](http://www.cpcchester.org)

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### Presentation:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Quinn Ruth, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

The people respond: ***We do.***

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

*\*Please be seated*

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

***People: And also with you.***

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

### Thanksgiving Prayer

### AFTER THE BAPTISM

Through her baptism, Quinn Ruth has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

As members of the household of God, God has called her to serve Christ in the world.

Let us welcome her to this ministry.

The people respond, saying:

***With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.***