

Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 4/26/20

Third Sunday of Easter

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Quote/Prayer for Meditation: “You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.” -1 Peter 1:18-21 NRSV

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

Announcements: Rev. Chris Scrivens

Prelude: “Nearer My God to Thee” played by Mary Rawley

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship:

Lord of life,
submitting to death,
you conquered the grave.

**By being lifted on a cross,
you draw all peoples to you.
By being raised from the dead,
you restore to humanity
all that we had lost through sin.
Throughout these fifty days of Easter
we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection.
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #231 “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

played by Janet Lindstrom

Chris has ris-en while earth slumbers;
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubt-ed and de-nied
Let the moon embrace the bless-ing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world con-firm the ru-mor:
Christ is ris-en, God is here!

Christ has ris-en for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has ris-en for the wom-en
bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has ris-en for dis-ci-ples
hud-dled in an up-stairs room.
He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion
can't be si-lenced by the tomb.

Christ has ris-en and for ev-er
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or man-gled,
all who find re-li-gion strange.
Christ is ris-en, Christ is pres-ent
mak-ing us what he has been;
ev-i-dence of trans-for-ma-tion
in which God is known and seen

Prayer of Confession: Deacon Michelle Scrivens

**O Lord our God,
you know us better than we know ourselves.
As we come before you now,
believers and doubters alike,
we all share a deep need,
for we are all lost without your grace.
Search us, O God, and know our hearts,
test us and know our troubled thoughts.
Give us true repentance.
Forgive us all our wrongs.**

Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day,
to learn to serve each other
and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to come at last to heaven. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Lessons:

Hebrew Poetry: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19: Paul and Kim Rundzieher

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35: Rev Chris Scrivens

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

“I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of

his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord! ”

Luke 24:13-35

“Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread."

[Sermon: "It's the Road, Not the Destination"](#)

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Hymn: #14, "For the Beauty of the Earth"
played by Janet Lindstrom

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

Responding to the Word

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["Children of the Heavenly Father" Piano & Hand Bells](#)

Prayers of the People & the 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,
now and forever. Amen.

Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn: #248, "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

played by Janet Lindstrom

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!

Benediction: Rev Chris Scrivens

Postlude: “Fairest Lord Jesus” played by Mary Rawley

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