

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024



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Hope Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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We Gather as God's People

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Please take this time to write your prayer concerns online in the live chat, or if onsite use prayer cards and put them in the offering plate.

Prelude "The Risen Christ" J Wayne Kerr

Introit "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

* Call to Worship Sheryl Essenburg, Liturgist

How good it is for us to come together as kindred spirits.

Alleluia! Our doubts are answered, and we feel the presence of Christ.

The risen Christ speaks to us and gives us peace.

Alleluia! Let our worship be the sign of our belief.

* Hymn #257 "The Risen Christ"

v 1, 2, 4

**The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**

**The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.**

May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand

**with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.**

Call to Confession

The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness.

(Let us pause in silence for reflection and personal confession.)

We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Call for the Offering

There are many ways to give of your time, talent and treasure: through the micro-pantry, Kumler collections, Hope in Action activities, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You may mail checks directly to the Church Office for all offerings and pledges.

As Jesus gave himself fully for us and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace, so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others through our tithes and gifts.

- * Song of Gratitude “Praise God, from Whom
#609 All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- * Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus’ love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit’s wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

Time with the Children

Anthem

“One Thing”

Craig Courtney

Prayer for Illumination

1st Scripture Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

NT p 291

2nd Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:36b-48

NT p 110

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Peace, Proof and Witnesses"
Rev. Chuck Goodman

* Apostles' Creed Hymnal p. 17

Let us stand and say together what we believe using the
Apostles' Creed. People of God, what do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy [universal] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Respond to the Word

* Hymn "Christ as a Light" John Michael Talbot

**Christ as a light, illumine and guide me.
Christ as a shield, overshadow me.
Christ under me, Christ over me,
Christ beside me on my left and my right.**

**This day be within and without me.
Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak,
In the mouth of each who speaks unto me.**

**This day be within and without me.
Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.
Christ as a light, Christ as a shield,
Christ beside me on my left and my right.**

Moment for Mission:

Hope in Action at the APL Shelter

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in Heaven, Holy is Your name. May Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us away from temptation, and deliver us from evil. For Yours are the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We Are Sent Forth to Serve

* Hymn #295

"Go to the World!"

v 1, 2

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

**Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

**Go seek God's presence in each time and space,
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

* Benediction

Postlude

"Sine Nomine"

Richard Proulx

* *Those who are able please stand.*

Numbers listed in the bulletin correspond to songs in the purple hymnal, **Glory to God**, which contains words and music for congregational singing. All are encouraged to make a joyful noise!

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Office hours are 9:00 – 1:00, Tuesday - Thursday

TODAY, Sunday, April 14

- Fellowship Time: 10:30 (Hosted by Kathy Sorensen)
- Sunday School: 10:45
- Fellowship team “mandala” craft time: 2:00 – 4:00
- Gamblers Anonymous: 6:30 – 8:00 (Library)

Monday, April 15

- No activities scheduled

Tuesday, April 16

- Staff Meeting: 10:30 (Banner Room)
- SPAM Meeting: 12:30 – 2:00 (Fellowship Hall)
- Deadline for E-blast submissions: NOON
- Drop-in Hours for Pastor Chuck: 1:30 – 3:30

Wednesday, April 17

- Morning Bible Study: 10:00 – 11:30 (Library)
- Art Express: 12:00 – 4:30 (Banner Room and Library)
- Gamblers Anonymous: 6:30 - 8:00 (Library)
- Choir Rehearsal: 6:50 (At Cedarhurst, 3520 Old Jacksonville Rd)

Thursday, April 18

- Drop-in Hours for Pastor Chuck: 1:30 – 3:30
- District 19 Alcoholics Anonymous: 5:30 – 8:00 (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, April 19

- Pastor Chuck's day off
- Men of Hope: 7:00 am (Lulu's Diner)
- Friday Night Knitters: 7:00 pm (Banner Room)

Saturday, April 20

- Handbells rehearsal: 9:30 – 11:00 (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 21

- Choir warm-up: 8:55 SHARP (Sanctuary)
- Worship Service: 9:30 (On-site and on-line)
- Fellowship Time: 10:30
- Sunday School: 10:45
- Gamblers Anonymous: 6:30 – 8:00 (Library)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 22: HPC Book Group, 7:00 pm (Library)
- April 22 – 23: RIF Distribution (Fellowship Hall)
- April 25: Hope Sows, 10 – 2 (Banner Room)
- April 27: Hope in Action event, APL shelter, 9:00 am
- April 28: Films and Faith, 5:00.
- April 29 – May 6: Pastor Chuck on vacation

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