



Central Presbyterian Church

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April 30, 2023
4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

“Fantasy in C Major”

Bach

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep, so God seeks and saves the lost.

Let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received. Let us receive, and welcome, and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship**

L: Alleluia! He is risen!

P: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

L: Worthy are you to take the scroll, and to open its seals. For you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed a people for God,

P: from every tribe, language, people, and nation.

L: Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might, and honor and glory and blessing.

P: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing, honor, and glory forever and ever!

***Hymn**

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

PH #144

Vs. 1, 2 & 4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, you have opened up for us the Way, the Truth and the Life. We have shut that door, however, time and time again, and stayed in our own tight, dark spaces where we allow shame, fear or persistent sin to keep us from experiencing life in the Kingdom of God. Please forgive us for things done and undone, and give us eyes to see your Kingdom, which has truly come, wherever you reign inside and around each of us. May we wait eagerly for a new heaven and earth. In the Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Time of silence for personal reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Gloria Patri** *“Glory Be to the Father”* **PH #579**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples Robert Lackie

New Testament Reading I 1 Peter 2:19-25

New Testament Reading II Acts 2:42-47

Sermon *“Glad and Generous Hearts”* Robert Lackie
[New Testament Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10]

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

***Hymn** *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”* **Insert**

Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: **hear our prayer.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Distant Bells"

Blake

*Doxology

PH #591

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PH #263

Vs. 1, 3 & 4

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

"The In-Between"

Video

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader:

Robert Lackie

Organist:

Emma Lou Denton

Pianist:

Rich Ford

Greeter/Usher:

Julia Territo

Liturgist:

Dan Stephenson

****Please stand, if able***

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