

Central Presbyterian Church

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March 31, 2024 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

Welcome

Announcements

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

Prelude "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Shackley

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

Heavenly Father, our hearts are so full of joy today. You feel so near us on this most special celebration of Easter. May the love we feel this morning stay with us the rest of the day and always. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship – From Psalm 118:1, 2, 14-17

- L: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.
- P: Let all Israel repeat: "His faithful love endures forever."
- L: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has given me victory.
- P: Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly. The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!
- L: The strong right arm of the Lord is raised in triumph. The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!
- P: I will not die; instead, I will live to tell what the Lord has done.

*Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" RED #163
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess our sins to You, our Creator, with a full heart, with a grateful heart, and with a spirit of Victory, for Christ is Risen! You knew that we needed an advocate, and so You provided Him. You knew that we needed a priest, and so You provided Him. You knew that we needed a Shepherd, and so You provided Him. You knew that we could not procure our own salvation, and so You provided Him. We confess our sins on this Easter Morning with great joy because we believe in the power of the blood of Christ. We believe in the power of the empty tomb. Sin will not conquer us because we belong to Christ. 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

Chancel Choir "He Lives!"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading I Acts 10:34-43

New Testament Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Reading/Sermon Reading John 20:1-18

Sermon "Then Came The Morning!" Pastor Ryan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith: *Good News Confession*(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)

*Hymn "Low in the Grave He Lay" RED #165

Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread & Cup (wine is in the outer circle of the trays)

Offering

Offertory "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Shackley

*Doxology PH #591

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"
RED #145

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude "The Strife is O'er" Simone

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher: Rebecca Rowe Liturgist/Communion Steward: Jan Costello Choir Director: Rich Ford

Keyboard/ Organist: Emma Lou Denton Pianist: Rich Ford/Julia Territo

*Please stand, if able CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft

cover