



Central Presbyterian Church

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April 23, 2023
3rd Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Announcements

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

Prelude

“Fantasia”

Pachelbel

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

Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” PH #476**
Verses 1, 2 & 5

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, help us re-enter the empty tomb every day, so that we continually live in the reality of what it means. I confess I have left that tomb behind too many times, and let myself forget what it means to be “risen with Jesus”. I confess my choosing death over life, sin over communion with you, worship of you over worship of self and “stuff”. Thank you that Jesus’ death and new life can be the central story of my life, if I will just surrender to your love and your guiding. In Jesus’ Name, 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

Chancel Choir *“No, Not One”*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Robert Lackie

New Testament Reading I

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

New Testament Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

“Pierced and Burning Hearts” Robert Lackie

New Testament Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-23]

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn *“The Day of Resurrection!”*

PH #118

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	<i>"Fill Me Now"</i>	Smith
*Doxology		PH #591

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"* PH #142

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude *"Blow Us the Trumpet in the New Moon"* Martin

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader:	Robert Lackie
Organist:	Emma Lou Denton
Pianist:	Julia Territo
Music Director:	Rich Ford
Greeter/Usher:	Rhonda Plaeger
Liturgist:	Janet Scheina

***Please stand, if able** CCLI License #2716138

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