



# **Central Presbyterian Church**

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**April 24, 2022**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

## Welcome Announcements

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

Prelude

*“God’s Strong Arm Protects”*

Sewell

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### \*Call to Worship

L: Faith never comes easy. Thomas, a faithful disciple of Jesus, doubted the post-Resurrection appearance and needed to see Jesus for himself.

**P: How we are like Thomas! We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe!**

L: How blessed are the ones who, never having seen, yet have come to believe.

**P: Open our hearts, Lord, this day to absolute faith in you, that, although we have not seen the risen Christ, we may believe fully in him. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*“Thine is the Glory”*

**PH #122**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

We confess that we far too often want proof for everything, O Lord. We want proof that someone loves us; we want proof that we can trust in others; we want proof that everything in life is going to turn out all right. It is easy for us to point our finger at Thomas who was honest about his fears. He had seen so much healing and hope. But those hopes seemed dashed when Jesus died. Even the news of the Resurrection did not completely lift the darkness from his life. Jesus said to him, just as he says to us, “Peace, be still. Do not doubt but believe!” Lord, forgive our unbelief! Forgive the many times when we think and act in ways which are hurtful and mean. Heal our wounds. Bind up our spirits in the cords of your compassion. Help us to fully place our trust in you, with our whole hearts, and minds, and spirits, and souls. For we ask this in your blessed Name. 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

Acts 5:27-32

New Testament Reading II

Revelation 1:4-8

Sermon

*“Love Wins Out”*

Robert Lackie

John 20:19-31

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith – Phillipians 2:5-11

**Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*“In Christ Alone”*

Lyrics on Screen

### Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

# The Lord's Prayer

## Offering

Offertory

*“Consider the Lilies”*

Osman

\*Doxology

**PH #591**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn

*“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”*

**PH #423**

**Vs 1-3**

## \*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*“Because He Lives”*

Gaither

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert Lackie, Preaching Associate

PIANIST: Rich Ford

LITURGIST: Rhonda Plaeger

GREETER/USHER: Pat Claussen

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

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