CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH April 7, 2024

Revised Common Lectionary ReadingsActs 4:32-35Second Sunday of EasterPsalm 133Year B1 John 1:1-2:2John 20:19-31

Prelude

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Call to Worship

John 20:19-22; **Psalm** 133

Peace be with you.

How good it is to live together in unity.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord, life forevermore.

***Hymn** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #106)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Confession 1 John 1:8-2:1

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us...but if anyone does sin, we have an advocate...Jesus Christ the righteous..."

O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself, to breathe peace upon your disciples. Still, O Lord, we struggle to trust your promise of peace. Still, O Lord, we struggle to follow in the way of your love.

Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection. Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace. Show us your hands and your feet once more, and teach us to be your body in the world.

(Silent Confession)

from Call to Worship, vol. 57.1

Assurance, *Gloria Patri, and Passing of the Peace

1 John 2:2

"...and Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, thanks be to God!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

May the Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Time with the Children

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Fear, Peace, and the Stigma of Doubt

*Hymn (Glory to God Hymnal #255) O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Call for the Offering_ 1 John 3:16-18

"We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees and brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?...Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action"

Please prayerfully consider the time, talent, and resources you have been given, and how they can be offered back to God in love and service. If this includes making a financial offering to the church, you may use our <u>online giving option</u>.

Offertory

Sometimes I Hear God's Music

Calvin Church Choir

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

<u>Invitation to the Table</u>

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. ...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

...We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread and Communion of God's People

*Hymn (The Presbyterian Hymnal #121)

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

*Benediction and Charge

*Congregational Response (Taize)

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Postlude