

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service – April 11, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
 Second Sunday of Easter
 Year B

Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm 133
 1 John 1:1-2:2
 Luke 24:36b-48

Prelude**Welcome and Opening Prayer***

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Almighty God, your power makes the discouraged hopeful, the fearful loving, and even that which was dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Show us Jesus, even now, and even here; that we may worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

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Call to Worship

adapted from Luke 24:36, Psalm 133

Peace be with you.

How very good and pleasant it is to live together in unity!

It is like precious oil on the head.

The blessing of the Lord, life forevermore.

Hymn

Joy Comes With the Dawn
 Sing the Faith #2210

Confession*

1 John 1:8-9

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust. We have misunderstood your life, death, and resurrection. We have not fed the hungry and hungering among us. We are in need of forgiveness.

We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us, and to show mercy and love as you have shown mercy and love to us. We repent of not bearing witness to your life, death, and resurrection in our words, our actions, our affections, and our hopes.

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(personal confession)

Assurance and Peace

1 John 2:1-2

"...we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Scripture

Luke 24:36-48

Sermon

The Matter of the Hands, Feet, and Fish

Hymn

Christ Is Alive!
 The Presbyterian Hymnal, #108

Offering and Doxology

Acts 4:32-35

“Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common...There was not a needy person among them...”

Remembering the first believers – who shared one heart and soul, held their possessions in common, and distributed them to all in need, let us present our offerings at the feet of the risen Lord in that same spirit. Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how they can be given to bear much fruit in love and service to God and others.

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Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and – above all – the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes new life, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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Announcements

Prayers of the People

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and – above all – the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes new life, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord.

Living God, giver and sustainer of life, hear us as we pray. We pray for the Church. Let your Church be a living sign of the woundedness and healing of Christ. Just as he showed his hands and feet to assure his disciples that he were raised from the dead, so may we in our words and actions show the hands and feet of him who conquered the grave; sharing the gift of forgiveness, reconciliation, and redemption of all things.

And we pray for the earth and all of creation. Help us see the scars that mark your good creation, and to seek the blessing of life that you have called good.

We pray for the nations. Show us how good and pleasant it is to live together in unity, but remind us that this unity does not come at the expense of the dignity of any person, but rather comes when all are honored as your Image bearers. Give wisdom,

humility, and courage to our leaders, and those around the world, that they may work for this good purpose.

We pray for our communities. Give us a vision for redeemed and resurrected life.

Lord, by your wounds heal the wounds we carry in us, and the wounds we inflict: wounds of injustice, of violence, of apathy, of pride, and of convenience.

Fill the hungry and thirsty; tend the sick; give rest to the weary, comfort the afflicted, awaken the comfortable, encourage the fearful.

We continue to pray for those struggling during this pandemic. Help us all to support those bringing and providing needed aid. For those coordinating vaccine distribution. For those continuing to work on what has become this past year the front lines of this pandemic.

We pray for those whose names are known to us. Those in need of healing...

Those recovering from surgeries...

Those mourning the death of the loved ones...

We remember to you our sisters and brothers at the Oak Hill, Chapel Hill, Waterman Lake, Madonna Manor, the Highlands, and Atria assisted living facilities, and indeed all who are separated from family and friends in this time...

Finally, Lord, we offer a moment of prayer for all those on our hearts and in our minds; and for all those whose names and faces we may never know, but whose needs are fully known to you...

Lord, help us to live as we pray, a people who know the risen life of Christ changes everything. It is his name that we boldly pray, now saying together the prayer he taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #104

Charge and Benediction

Beloved of God, let us go into the world to be witnesses to and witnesses of these things: that Jesus Christ, the Crucified One, has risen.

The love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now, and forevermore. Amen.