

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service – April 18, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
Third Sunday of Easter
Year B

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
John 20:19-31

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer*

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Almighty and eternal God, you are the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt. As we worship you in this time and in these places, Lord, may we who have not seen, find faith in the Risen Christ, who is Lord. By your Holy Spirit in us and among us as we worship, open our eyes. Amen.

**adapted from Book of Common Worship,
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Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart...I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

Hymn

Thine Is the Glory
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #122

Confession*

Acts 3:19

"Repent, therefore, so that your sins may be wiped out"

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.

Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name.

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(personal confession)

Assurance and Peace

1 John 3:1-2

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God...Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.”

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture[John 20:19-31](#)**Sermon***Standing In the Threshold**Rev. Corenna Hoyt***Hymn***We Walk by Faith and not by Sight*

Glory to God Hymnal, #817

Offering and Doxology

John 20:21

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”

As Jesus gave himself fully for us and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace, so let us now share this wholeness and healing to others through our gifts. Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how they can be given in love and service to God and others.

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Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus’ love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit’s wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy and peace; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Announcements**Prayers of the People**

Almighty God, speak peace to us, among us, in us, and through us. Open us and all people to the healing, hope, and faith given to us in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As Jesus Christ showed his wounded hands and feet to his disciples, reveal to us and to your Church the wounds carried by us and our neighbors, that we may do the work of bringing healing and resurrection hope.

We pray for your peace – peace among nations, peace throughout communities, peace within families, and peace within hearts. Guide the leaders of nations and the peoples of the earth to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; that we may cultivate communities of your flourishing for all.

Light of the world, let your brightness burn in places shrouded in violence. Reveal the pains that are hidden in secret. Unveil the needs of our own hearts so that we may know your power made perfect in weakness.

Especially, Lord, in this time when we so many continue to cry out for justice...and Lord we see evidence of the brokenness of our communities and the pain and fear that so many live under. In these times of unrest and protests...Lord break our hearts for the sake of your people. We struggle to find words, and so Lord give us hearts of compassion and of repentance. We pray for the family and friends of Duante Wright, and all who continue to echo the cries of the psalmists, "how long, O Lord?"

Your Son was raised to live even from the grave. Show us again how you call forth life even from places of death.

Healer of our ills, we pray for all who are in need; for refugees of wars of one kind or another, and all displaced by storms of life and nature; for rescue workers and care givers grown weary helping to carry the burdens of others; for us and all of our diseases of mind, body, or spirit.

You command us to bring to you our deepest desires, O God, and so we offer a moment of prayer for all those on our hearts and in our minds: those in need of healing... those who mourn...those who hunger and thirst...those who are lonely... those who despair... and for all those whose names and faces we may never know, but whose needs are fully known to you...hear our heart, Lord, in this moment of silence...

Trusting int your abundant mercy, O God, we commend into your care all for whom we pray. May these prayers of our lips continue to be expressed through the work of our hands and feet, through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, who taught us to pray,

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. Amen.

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision
Glory to God Hymnal, #450

Charge and Benediction