



April 20, 2025
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE Resurrection of the Lord 11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

My Song is Love Unknown

arr., Cathy Moglebust

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Women discovered the empty tomb,

Peter ran to the tomb and was amazed.

The resurrection of Christ from the dead

is the promise and hope of our own.

In Christ, all will be made alive!

So let the good news be proclaimed far and wide:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You have announced your new creation, but we put our hope in former things. You have opened the door of the tomb, but we close our hearts to its surprise and joy. Forgive us, God of grace. Make us people of the resurrection, proclaiming the destruction of death and the gift of glorious new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent prayers of confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the powers of Sin and Death are broken!

We are set free to live and love in the power of the Spirit.

My sisters and brothers, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 591

"Halle, Halle Hallelujah!"

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65: 17-25

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24: 1-12

PROCLAMATION

Too Good Not to be True

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 236

"The Strife is O'er"

VICTORY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

Crown Him, the Risen King

arr., Lloyd Larson

***DOXOLOGY 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 238**

"Thine is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

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ADULT CHOIR

PRAISE BAND

* denotes standing as able.

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HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman