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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Athens, GA 30605

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

Resurrection of the Lord

11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE (10:30am)

INTROIT

The Glory of Easter

arr., Eric F. Timerding

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Crown Him, The Risen King!

Lloyd Larsen

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We come this morning carrying all that the world has taught us—

that death has the final word, that injustice is too strong, that hope is too fragile to last.

And yet—before the dawn had fully broken, the earth shook,

the stone was rolled away, and everything we thought we knew was undone.

Fear and joy meet in this place. Hope rises where we least expect it,
for Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of life stronger than death, we confess that we do not always live as Easter people. We listen to the voices that tell us that nothing really changes, that injustice will always win, that love is too weak to matter. We cling to what feels certain — even when it is shaped by fear. We turn away from your surprising grace, and resist the new life you offer. Forgive us, O God. Shake us awake. Roll away the stones we have placed over hope. Call us again into the joy and courage of resurrection life, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. (*silent prayers of confession*)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Do not be afraid — for Christ is not in the tomb.

Christ is risen — and goes ahead of us into life.

The old stories of sin and death are not the end.

God is making all things new!

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 591

"Halle, Halle Hallelujah!"

HALLE, HALLE

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

Halle, hallé, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible, p. 1004) Acts: 10: 34-43

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible, p. 911) Matthew 28: 1-10

PROCLAMATION

Too Good Not to be True

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in the God who meets us in the breaking of our expectations – not where we have certainty, but where the ground trembles beneath us and the stone is rolled away. We believe in Jesus Christ, crucified by the powers of fear and injustice, raised by the power of Love that will not be contained – who meets us on the road, calls us by name, and invites us to take hold of hope even when we scarcely dare to believe. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who stirs within us both trembling and joy, who loosens our grip on despair, and leads us into new life. We believe that, in the risen Christ, injustice will not endure forever, and that God’s love is stronger than we could ever imagine. We believe that what seems too good to be true is the very promise of God already breaking into the world. And so, we will go, as witnesses to resurrection, to live this good news with our lives. 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

Where Charity & Love Prevail

arr., Lauran M. Delancy

***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 246**

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

***CHARGE & BENECTION**

***SENDING HYMN 600**

“AMEN”

AMEN

AMEN, AMEN. AMEN, AMEN, AMEN

***POSTLUDE**

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* denotes standing as able.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

ADULT CHOIR

HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman

Abiodun Adebisi, trumpet; Rachael Fischer, violin; Karen Bergmann, cello