



April 4, 2021
 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
 Morning Service of Worship, 10 A.M.
 Livestream to Facebook/YouTube

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WELCOME

PRELUDE *Ressurexi*
 Easter Carillon
The Angels Rolled the Stone Away (Sandy Willard Rogers) - The Chancel
 Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
 our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
 who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
 suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
 unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!
 who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
 sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
 our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
 now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
 where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
 praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
 praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us
 that we, too, have been given new life.
 Let us repent of our sin before God and one another,
 certain of God's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All-knowing, all-powerful God,
 we confess that, even on this most holy day,
 we are unable to believe in the victory over death
 shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life
 but also for faith, hope, and love.
 Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors
 and your stunning presence throughout the ages,
 we would be lost.
 Forgive us and transform us,
 that in every way our work and prayer will
 make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors,
 the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation.
 We shall not die but live.
 The rejected cornerstone has become our strength and our song.
 This is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(If you are participating today through Facebook,
 please register your peace for each other now)
 Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
 we also should forgive one another.
 The peace of Christ be with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God,
 through the work of your Holy Spirit,
 that in the hearing of your Word
 we may receive new life.**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

ANTHEM *Christ is Returning!* (Music by David Schmidt, Words by H.L. Turner)
The Chancel Choir

It may be at morn when the day is awaking, when sunlight through darkness and shadow is breaking, that Jesus will come in the fullness of glory to receive from the world His very own.

O Lord Jesus, how long, how long until then, we'll shout the glad song we shout the glad song, that Christ is returning, Hallelujah! Christ is returning, Hallelujah!

Amen.

It may be at midday, it may be at twilight, it may be His will that the blackness of midnight will burst into light in the blaze of His glory, to receive from the world His very own.

O joy! O delight! should we go without dying? No sickness, no sadness, no dread and no crying.

Caught up through the clouds with our Lord into glory, when Jesus receives His very own.

O Lord Jesus, how long, how long until then, we'll shout the glad song we shout the glad song, that Christ is returning, Hallelujah! Christ is returning, Hallelujah! Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(If you are participating today on Facebook, please register your prayers now)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great 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.

In every time and every age, O God,
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks,
for your mercy is sure
and your steadfast love endures forever.

**In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus,
who frees us from darkness
and lights our path to endless renewal and life eternal.**

And so, with all of creation,
with all the needy and hungry ones,
with all those who have enough and plenty,
with creatures large and small,
with sun and moon and stars,
and with the saints of every age,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things.
By your power and love you continue
to deliver your people from bondage,
thwart the designs of evil,
show the way through the wilderness,
turn hardship into righteousness,
and reveal your hand upholding the just.

**Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe.
You came among us to feed and heal and teach,
to confound the haughty,
to confuse the tricksters,
to challenge the wrong-hearted,
and, in all these things,
to give hope to those who long for peace.**

We remember that on the night he was betrayed,
having gathered his friends at the table,
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And again, after supper, he took the cup
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life.
**You give us words when we have none;
you fill us with vision when we have the most need;
you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour.**

Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

Come now, O Prince of Peace,
Spirit of Love,
Breath of Life.

Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew,
and teach us to proclaim with her,
"I have seen the Lord!"

In the unity of the Holy Trinity,
in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,
we praise you, God of all that is,
now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

OFFERING

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text "Give" to 973-315-6494

HYMN #246

Christ Is Alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring.
 Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
 to distant years in Palestine,
 but saving, healing, here and now,
 and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,
 where color, scorn or wealth divide,
 Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
 and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
 can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
 and find the way, the life, the truth,
 revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
 good news to this and every age,
 till earth and sky and ocean ring
 with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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Charge/Blessing

Postlude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

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"As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of God's Grace, we are a caring, inclusive congregation that strives to grow in Christian faith, proclaim the Good News, and provide service in ministry to each other, our diverse community, and the world."

Central Presbyterian Church is a Covenant Network congregation, a community within the Presbyterian Church, USA, that seeks to be inclusive, particularly with regard to welcoming LGBT persons as members and leaders.

The steeple is illuminated in April, her birthday month, in loving memory of Mary Wood.

April Birthdays

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| 6 | Lon Hoyt |
| 7 | Cecil Mitchell |
| 8 | Don Waisanen Tom White |
| 10 | Kim O'Hare |
| 11 | Aubin Ames |
| 18 | Christina Cattell |
| 21 | Max Sneden |
| 22 | Ron Naspo |
| 26 | Katie Dancy |
| 29 | Ellie Cattell |
| 30 | Charlotte Eveleth |