

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

Session Members

Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship	Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship	Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
John Hehn - '21 - Facilities	Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration
Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship	Carol Shick - '22 - Worship
Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission	Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session

Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for people to
discover God's love,
seek God's purpose,
and do God's will.

Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts
of him who called you out of darkness into
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

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PRELUDE "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst His prison"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 4:6-8)

Many people say,
"We can't find goodness anywhere.
The light of your face has left us, Lord!"
But you have filled my heart with more joy
than when their wheat and wine are everywhere!
I will lie down and fall asleep in peace
Because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety.

HYMN # 2115 "Christ Has Risen"

**Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!**

**Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers
to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for the disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.**

**Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
They expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.**

**Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Lord, we are tired of waiting, not knowing what is next. We want
to be done with this, but we are afraid of what “back to normal”
is going to look like. And “we’re all in this together” is starting
to fade into the background as frustrations and fears get the
best of us. Forgive us, Lord. May our trust in you give us pa-
tience to listen to wisdom. May the peace you give us fill our
hearts and minds and our interactions with one another. May
our belief in the resurrection reflect its light to dispel darkness
and the divisive ways of death in the world, starting in our little
corners of it.
This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN’S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 4
Luke 24:28-35

SERMON *They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning
within us while he was talking to us on the road,
while he was opening the scriptures to us?”*
Luke 24:32

HYMN # 119 “The Strife is O’er”

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The strife is o’er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**
Refrain

**The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ rises legions hath dispersed:
Let Shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**
Refrain

**Three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**
Refrain

**Lord, by Your wounds on Calvary
From death’s dread sting
Your servants free,
That we may live eternally. Alleluia!**
Refrain

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to
judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering - Where do you see God working in our world today?
Doxology
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(Matthew 6:9-13)

**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 sins as we
forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAISE SONG "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all, be with you all. The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Christ the Lord is Risen Again"
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high. Alleluia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES The office is PHYSICALLY closed as we continue to be a part of the effort of keeping our congregation and community safe. Kara will continue to be available by telephone and email during regular church hours (Mon.- Thurs., 9:00am to 2:00pm), and the mail will continue to be picked up regularly. If there is a need, don't hesitate to contact us. Meals on Wheels will continue to prepare food on Wednesdays, but we encourage all other groups to refrain from gathering until further notice. Please continue to pray and know you are being prayed for. God bless!

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK

Temple Keeper: Jay Heidt (on or before 4/25)

HEALTHCARE WORKERS - If we have healthcare workers who are part of our extended church family not mentioned in the prayer list, please let us know so we can add them to the list.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH! We are so grateful for your faithful giving! Today and during the month of April, we also have an opportunity to give toward our denominational offering, **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**, partnering with ministries that serve communities in need and supporting them in their work toward safety, sustenance, and hope. One of those ministries is **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, which is already drawing **\$2.7 million to fight the COVID-19 epidemic** both in the U.S. and abroad. You can continue to give through the mail; by setting up "Bill Pay" with your bank; and now you can make a secure gift on our website. May God continue to bless you, as you continue to be a blessing to others!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM SCAVENGER HUNT - Our methods for continuing to grow as Christians are adapting. We invite you to join our virtual Bible study opportunity that is underway! We want to see each other's faces! Our children and Youth miss seeing each other, so how about a "Zoom" Sunday School Scavenger Hunt after our service **TODAY** at 12:30 pm. Look for an email from Cindy Doyle with the Zoom invitation.

IF YOU LOVE CAMP and have been looking for a way to give back, this is your chance! You and your small group will spend a part of each day working on a project to benefit camp, then spend the rest of your time doing your favorite activities. This year we will landscape the beds in front of Cedar Lodge and build chairs for a sitting area. Find more information at www.cedarkirk.org.

OUR MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM continues to feed those most in need even during these difficult times. Thank you so much for your response to our call for help, we were able to fill all spots. Please continue to keep this ministry and its volunteers in your prayers.

"ZOOM"ing right into our EASTER BIBLE STUDY! We have started, but you can still join in! We will offer a Bible Study Opportunity on "Zoom", one at 6:30pm. The book we are using is, **Why Easter Matters**, by Andy Stanley, and will be available for pick up outside the church office that Wednesday. It is a 6-week study on Easter and it's relevance on our lives today. Upon sign up, there will be more information on getting on Zoom and scriptures we will be wrestling with!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 26, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live
12:30 pm Zoom Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

8:30 am Meals on Wheels
6:30 pm Easter Bible Study Online Live

Sunday, May 3, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live

A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

Apr. 26 Sunday Worship Online
29 Meals on Wheels, Online Live Easter Bible Study
May 1 Friendship Day!
3 Sunday Worship Online
4 Committees Meet Virtually
5 Staff Meets Virtually
6 Meals of Wheels, Easter Bible Study Meets Virtually
7 National Day of Prayer
10 Sunday Worship Online, Mother's Day!
11 Women's Bible Study Virtually
12 Session Meets Virtually
13 Meals on Wheels, Easter Bible Study Meets Virtually
17 Sunday Worship Online
20 Meals on Wheels
21 Ascension of the Lord
24 Sunday Worship Online
25 Memorial Day!
27 Meals on Wheels
31 Day of Pentecost

PRAISES and CONCERNS

Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Shirley Robert's family in the loss of her granddaughter

MacEwen Family in loss of Emily, their niece

Robert Lavazza	Melissa Triebwasser	Bill Worth
George Kosan	Susan Kriska	Tammy Wooster
Terry Cooney	Bob Stetler	Jim Barfield
Charles Brandt	Joy Lavazza	Bonnie & John Taylor

Healthcare Workers: Lexi Crawford, Maggie Hehn

College: Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

Military: Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson

You're Invited

TO CELEBRATE THE
ARRIVAL OF

Baby Girl Doucette

A Most Magical Baby Shower

FOR Chris and Anna Doucette

DATE & TIME May 7th @ 6pm

LOCATION Virtual/Zoom Shower

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