

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of Love, Risen Christ,
you come to us and often we are bewildered.

Come to us anyway.

Come and speak to us, give us your peace,
and send us by your Spirit, according to your word,
to do your will in the world.

We open our hearts to you,
in the name and Spirit of Christ. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Ned Rorem

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nick Lindley

God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.

God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Christ Is Alive

Hymnal, No. 246

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

We pray together in confession and lament:

**Risen One,
we confess our silence amid the persecution of others,
silence that has often complied with oppression and brought harm.
What can we do to eradicate poverty, hunger, and homelessness?
Help us to hear your voice above all others,
and teach us how to care for our neighbor,
feed the hungry, and clothe and care for those in need,
for as we do these things unto one another,
we do them also unto you.**

(Time of silent reflection)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Glory To God Hymnal, No. 582
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen*

*World without end, without end. Amen (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 990
I John 3:1-7
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 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.
**How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you
love vain words, and seek after lies?**
But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when
I call to him.
When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.
Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.
**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 more than when their grain and wine
abound.
**I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me
lie down in safety.**

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 861
Luke 24:36b-48
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE We Are Witnesses Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Fairest Lord Jesus Hymnal, No. 630

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Col. 1:15–20
**Life in Christ is life eternal.
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.**
Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

Hymnal, No. 296

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary in C

Richard Peek

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

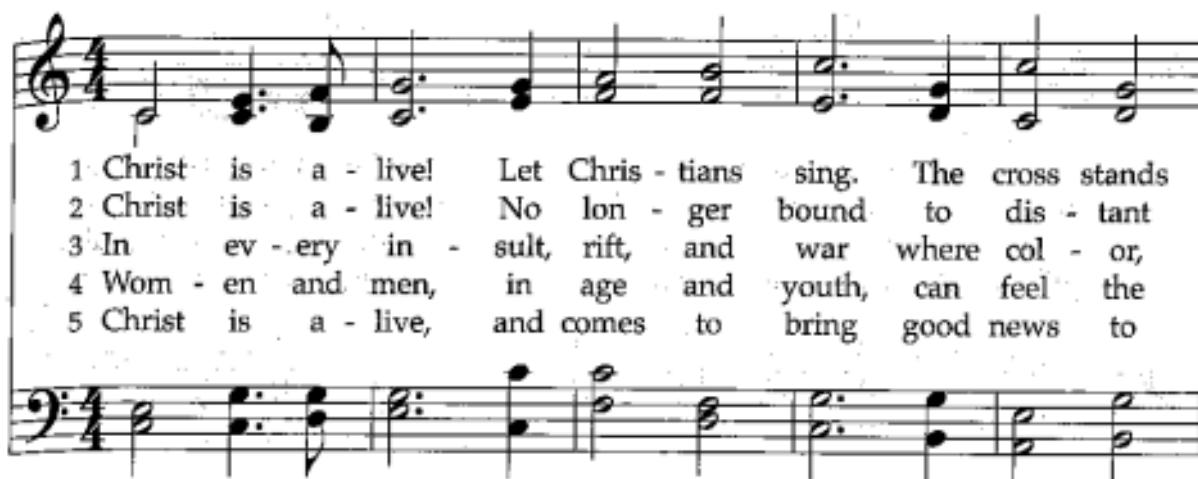
Lectionary Readings for April 21: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for April is juice. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

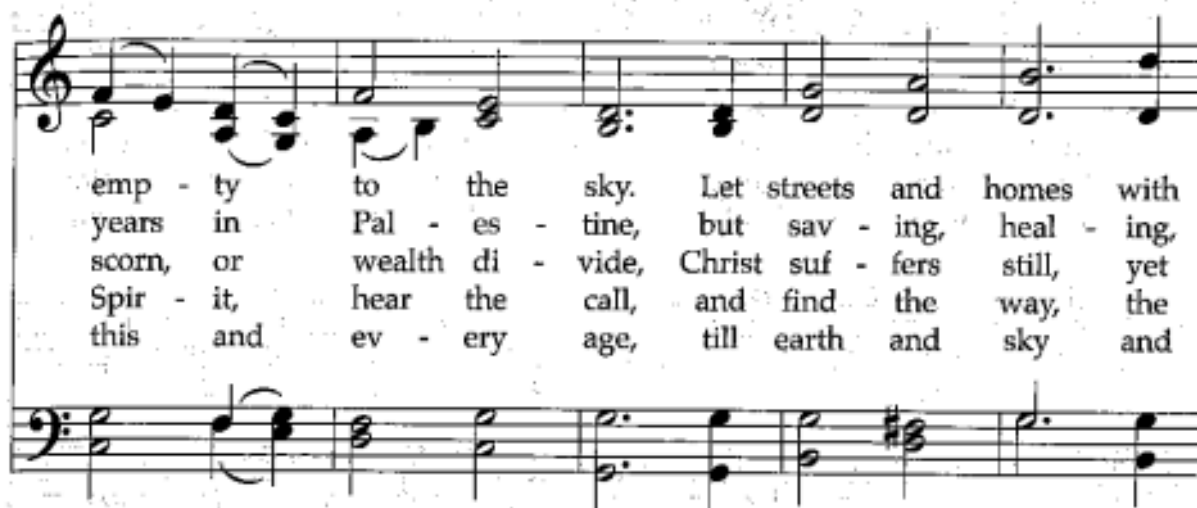
Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Christ Is Alive!

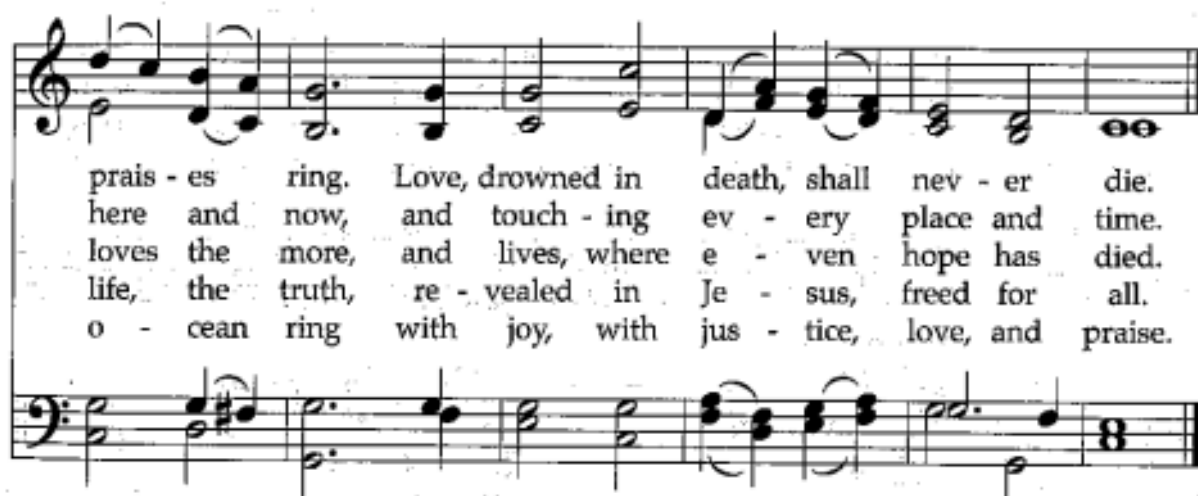
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

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 down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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Capo 3: (D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A)
F C B^b C F C



1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's
2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,
3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

(Em7) (A) (D) (G) (D) (G)
Gm7 C F B^b F B^b



ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's
but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant
man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

(D) (Em) (A7) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D)
F Gm C7 F C F C F



vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth
love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;
gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,

(B) (Em) (B) (E) (A) (D)
D Gm D G C F



to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and
jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low
as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -

(G) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)
B^b F B^b Gm F C7 F



make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.
Christ's ex - am - ple: Forge a world of last made first.
cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.