

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

April 24, 2022

PRELUDE “Christ Lag in Todesbanden” J.S. Bach

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God’s mighty deeds!

Give praise for God’s resurrecting power!

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

Praise God with the harp and the cello!

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

* HYMN “O Day of Radiant Gladness” No. 470

* CALL TO CONFESSION

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord’s desire to give us peace.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, forgive us and grant us courage. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God’s own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

* GLORIA PATRI No. 579

CHILDREN’S SERMON

In our children’s sermons, we will be working our way through the Westminster Shorter Catechism, one of the Confessions affirmed by the PC(USA) and contained within the *Book of Confessions*.

Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Scriptural Support: Psalm 33:11; Isaiah 14:24; Acts 2:23; Ephesians 1:11-12.

* HYMN “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!” No. 116

* APOSTLE’S CREED (Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN

OLDER TESTAMENT: Psalm 118:14-29 (NSRV)

Pew Bible p. 534 OT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEWER TESTAMENT READING: John 20:19-31 (NSRV)
Pew Bible p.108 NT

NEWER TESTAMENT READING: Revelation 1:4-8 (NSRV)
Pew Bible p. 230 NT

SERMON Rev. Anna C. Gheen

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

God gives new life to all that is, including ourselves and all that sustains us. So let our tithes and offerings be our songs of praise and thanksgiving in response to the God who loves us and frees us!

The Offering plate is in the Narthex. You may also choose to mail your offering to the church office, or give online through our website, cazpres.org.

ANTHEM “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” Fishel

* **DOXOLOGY** No. 592

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**
Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

* **HYMN** “Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending” No. 6

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Toccata: “The Strife is O’er” Al Fedak

* Please stand if you are able

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