

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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2nd Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024



Pastor
Director of Christian Education
Director of Music/Organist
Clerk of Session
Church Office Administrator

Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns
Rev. Dr. Randall McGee
Mr. Gary O'Neal
Ms. Diane Llywelyn
Ms. Darlene Wright

We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude "Morning Has Broken" Gary O'Neal, Organist
(arr. Gilbert M. Martin)

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

Welcome and *Greeting One Another Pastor

* **Call to Worship** (Responsive) Liturgist

We have been freed!

Fear and death have no claim on us!

Christ the Lord is risen!

We believe even though we have not touched his wounded hands or heard him speak our names. Let us celebrate God's love through the life of Jesus Christ.

* **Hymn** "Christ Is Alive!" No. 246

* **Prayer of Adoration** Liturgist

* **Gloria Patri** No. 581

Call to Confession Pastor

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor

Dear Lord, we acknowledge that you are patient with us as we try to understand your ways. We recognize that our prejudices, fears, unbelief, and confusion can often blind us to your presence and love. We are grateful for the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, which we celebrated last Sunday. However, we know that we often slide back into our old ways of perceiving things. So, we ask you to shake us up and help us see our Savior with new eyes, who came to offer us life and to serve those in need. Please forgive our stubbornness and complacency and reach out to us so that we may reach out to others with healing love. We pray all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(In silence confess your personal sins to God.)

Kyrie Eleison "Lord, Have Mercy" No. 551

* **Invitation to stand**

Assurance of God's Forgiving Grace

Pastor and Congregation

(Responsive)

Roll away the stone of ignorance, stubbornness, and fear from your heart. Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Know that His love is poured out for your healing. Be at peace and rejoice!

Praise be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 (p. 912 Pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord!

Liturgist

Response: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: John 20:19-31 (p. 906-907 Pew Bible)
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Pastor

Response: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"Believing Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

Anthem

"You Are the Bread"
(arr. Ruth Elaine Schram)

Sanctuary Choir

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

Pastor and Congregation

– 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 worshipped 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

* **Communion Hymn** "I Come with Joy" No. 515

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The 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.

(Pastor prays followed by the Lord's Prayer)

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

All who wish to receive communion are invited to come forward by way of the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be served where you are seated. You may select the prepackaged communion elements or partake by intinction – to dip a portion of the bread in the cup. Safety precautions were observed when preparing all communion elements.

Prayer After Communion (Responsive)

Pastor and Congregation

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all God's benefits.

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Doxology No. 606

A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.

If you have not already done so, please drop your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary as you exit the building.

* **Prayer of Dedication** Pastor

* **Hymn** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" No. 240

* **Charge and Benediction** Pastor

* **Postlude** Gary O'Neal, Organist



Assisting in worship today is Leigh Taylor, Liturgist.
 The usher is Charlene Taylor.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7TH

Monday	6:00	Admin. and Person. Com. Mtg.
	7:00	Worship and Music Com. Mtg.
Tuesday	6:00	Steward. and Fin. Com. Mtg.
	6:00	Christian Ed. Com. Mtg.
	6:30	Casa View Haven
		Neighborhood Assoc. (CVHNA) Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00	Zoom Yoga
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Property Com. Mtg.
	9:00 a.m.	Mini Workday

SESSION MEMBERS

Diane Llywelyn – Clerk

Class of 2024

Kathleen Hale
 Susie Miller
 Lorraine Stephen

Class of 2025

Bill Grayson
 Daniel Robinson
 Leigh Taylor

Class of 2026

Diane Llywelyn
 Bill Oney
 Charlene Taylor