



Central Presbyterian Church

DELIBERATELY DIVERSE & FULLY INCLUSIVE

April 17, 2022

Easter

11:00 am

* Worshippers are invited to rise in body or spirit.

If you do not wish to be seen on the live video feed for the service, please sit in one of the further back pews.

Prelude

O Filii et Filiae
Arr. Colin Mawby

Nathan Quiring

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Introit

Easter Call to Worship
Ralph L. Grosvenor

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

One: Where wounded souls are healed, where the anxious and confused find peace,

All: there, the stone has been rolled away.

One: Where the lonely become friends, where a stranger is welcomed home,

All: there, the Spirit breathes.

One: Where love is stronger than hate, where divine justice liberates the oppressed,

All: there, the living Christ is at work.

One: The stone is rolled away! God's resurrecting Spirit is unleashed and Christ is alive!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

One: Christ is risen indeed! Let us celebrate the mystery of God's resurrecting love.

*Hymn #232: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

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!

Prayer of Confession

All: Dear God, even as we sing our Easter alleluias, many of us don't feel joyful. We feel tired and frustrated. We want to believe in Your resurrecting power, but we are consumed with doubt. We can't move past the empty tomb of our despair. Forgive us, God. Instead of following Christ to new life, we fixate on what we do not have. Instead of sharing Your Good News, we gossip. We criticize our neighbors instead of encouraging them. We sit in fear instead of walking by faith. Pour Your Spirit upon us so that our lives proclaim the risen Christ. Hear us now as we come to You in silence.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Turn away from the tomb of your despair. Listen to the Spirit calling you to life. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are free to be a new creation in Christ.

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen! We are fully alive and empowered to serve.

Gloria Patri

CHANCEL CHOIR

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25 (pg. 654 OT) & Luke 24:1-12 (pg. 84 NT)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Carolina Treviño

Praise God! Praise God, all you little children, God is love, God is love.

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Angels in the Emptiness

Katheryn Barlow-Williams

*Hymn #253: Alleluia! Christ is Arisen

SANTO DOMINGO

Refrain: Alleluia! Christ is arisen.

Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.

¹ Run, faithful women, to the graveside.

Marvel, the stone is rolled away!

Hear from the angel, "He is risen."

Christ goes before you all the way. (refrain)

² Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping;

Christ stands before your very eyes.

Quickly return to the disciples;

bear the good news: "He is alive." (refrain)

³ Gather, disciples, in the evening:

suddenly Christ your Lord appears.

"Look, it is I, your wounded Savior.

Peace be with you, and do not fear." (refrain)

⁴ Thomas, where were you on that evening?

"I'll not believe unless I see."

Christ comes again, and every Lord's day:

"Touch me and see; have faith in me." (refrain)

Communion

Communion Hymn

Allelu (Leaf)
Carlos Cordero

Chancel Choir

The Prayers of the People and the 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.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu Reino. Hágase tu voluntad,
como en el cielo, así también en la tierra.
El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy.
Perdónanos nuestras deudas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a nuestros deudores. No nos metas
en tentación, sino líbranos del mal,
porque tuyo es el Reino, el poder
y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

Offering-One Great Hour of Sharing

Giving is a form of worship and we offer our gifts to bring Christ's hope to our world. For ways to give, see back page. Envelopes for One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings can be found in your pews.

Offertory

Fanfare for Easter
Jane M. Marshall

Chancel Choir

*Doxology: Hymn #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #826: Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

¹ Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (refrain)

² All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (refrain)

³ O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (refrain)

⁴ So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (refrain)

*Benediction

*Congregational Response: Hymn #372

AZMON

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

Postlude

Victory
Arr. Colin Hand

Nathan Quiring

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Living the Word

(Inspired by James C. Howell’s commentary, “What Can We Say This Easter?”)

Søren Kierkegaard, the nineteenth century philosopher, wrote a parable about geese who speak and go to worship every week. They waddle into the sanctuary to listen to the preacher proclaim “the glorious destiny of geese, of the noble end for which their maker had created them.” They were created “to use their wings to fly away to distant pastures.” The geese all clucked and curtsied with glee. But when the service ended, “they all waddled home, only to meet again next Sunday and waddle off home again.” Over time, of course, they “grew fat, plump and delicious” -- and got eaten.

Kierkegaard explained that we too have wings, we have imagination, intended to help us rise and reach our divine potential. He says, "In reality, however, we stay right where we are -- and on Monday regard it as proof that God’s grace gets us plump, fat, and delicate.” We waddle through our days weighed down by regret, shame, and resentment. We exclaim, “Alleluia, Christ is Risen,” but truth be told, we are afraid of flying. We prefer to stay close to the ground, safe from harm.

To soar with the Spirit, we must practice resurrected living. Let us then imagine that our daily struggles are flying lessons for the soul. Following Christ’s example, we can learn to love and share our gifts for the healing of the world rather than personal gain. We can learn that painful endings lead to unexpected beginnings. We can practice forgiveness -- both receiving and giving. We can focus on the present so we are not paralyzed by past regret or future worries.

Yes, waddling is safer than flying. But God created us to rise. How will our "Easter Alleluias” inspire us to fly this year?

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