



Sunday Worship

April 14, 2024

Draw near

to our Risen Lord

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

HYMN SING

****CALL TO WORSHIP***

Peace be with you

And also with you.

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

With joy, we come to see the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Miraculous God, come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

****HYMN #246*** Christ Is Alive!

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
'till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

God our Father and Mother, through your love we are your children. Yet we do not recognize your Son, our brother, as he works among us. We look for a ghost with wounded hands and feet, and pass by as he keeps the watch with the broken and wounded on our streets. We wonder if we would recognize him, even if he asked for something to eat on our doorstep. O God, open our minds to understand the Scriptures. Forgive us and open our eyes, that we may see our Lord and join him in his work. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING AND ASSURANCE

*What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers - to us! We really are God's people - that is exactly who we are! We are God's children - those whose lives have been changed by the One who loves us and forgives us. So let us remember that **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.***

***GLORIA PATRI**

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. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 3:1-7

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #661** His Eye Is on the Sparrow

1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

REFRAIN: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

2. "Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. *Refrain*

3. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when song gives place to sighing, when hope with me dies, I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me. *Refrain*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:36-49

SERMON Troubled?

***STATEMENT OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

What will be done with the gifts we offer in these moments has not been revealed to us, Holy God, but knowing you through Jesus, and trusting in you by the power of the Holy Spirit, we do know they will be used to bring hope, to bring healing, to bring justice to all those people and places who long for these blessings. And so we offer these gifts with gratitude to you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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

***HYMN #250** In the Bulb There Is a Flower

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APRIL 14, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory of Joseph A. Frye. Joseph lived local to the church and was an active member.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: Our next gathering will be Sunday, April 21st at 6:30pm.

SCOUT TROOP 71 FUND RAISER: Every Monday during the month of April, the Troop is having a fund raiser at Capri Pizza. It's located at: 5855 Easton Rd, Plumsteadville, PA 18949. Dine in or Take Out. Mention Troop 71 when you place your order and they'll donate a portion of proceeds to Troop 71!

DEACONS ARE LOOKING FOR VISITORS: Please pick up the questionnaire in Fellowship Hall and place completed form in the basket. Thank you.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: It is **Pet night**. We will gather Friday May 3, 5:30pm at Forest Grove Presbyterian Church. Our mission for the evening will be making toys and homemade treats for both Dogs and Cats for our Local Animal Shelter. Hot Dogs and Beverages will be served. We ask when you sign up to let us know what side dish or dessert you are able to bring. Anchor Presbyterian will be joining us for the evening. Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON – MEN ARE INVITED TOO: Wednesday, May 8 at 12noon-save the date. Please read the newsletter for more information.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Pasta, Macaroni and Cheese and Rice. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

April 14	10:00 am	Worship with Communion followed by Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
April 15	9:30 am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
April 16	9:00 am	Christian Education Meeting
	10:00 am	Stewardship Meeting

6:00 pm Beekeepers Meeting
7:00 pm Property Meeting
April 17 7:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
April 18 6:00 pm Beekeepers Meeting

Elder of the month: Terry Holton **Deacon of the month:** Maggie Realley
Ushers: Doug and Vini Christie **Fellowship:** Leanne Yerkes
Sunday school: Karen Myers

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Becky Schroeder,
Wes Schroeder, Eloise Hyndman, Don Huber, David Posnett, Dick Wright



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4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, & 4/30

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