



St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Welcome to Worship! | April 20, 2025 | Easter Day

GATHERING

Prelude *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
Lift High the Cross*

Hal Hopson
Sue Mitchell Wallace and John Head

Welcome

Choral Introit *Alleluia, Christ Is Alive!*

Arr. Joel Raney

He's alive. He has risen. The tomb is empty. He's alive. He has risen, to reign forevermore. He is alive! Sing "Alleluia, Christ is risen." Sing a hymn of praise to God on high. The power of sin has been overcome, the ransom paid by the holy Son. Blameless, forgiven, the dead are raised to life! Praise to the Lord of earth and heaven. Christ arose and opened paradise. On this day of resurrection, join the jubilant celebration. Alleluia, Christ is alive!

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Parker Lucas

My dear friends, we have known grief. We have known loss. We have known the long road, tired and winding. We have whispered prayers on bended knees. We have stared at the sky, empty of stars. But today—

today we know hope.

Today we know life.

Today we know the sound of Alleluias.

Today we know that death does not have the last word.

Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep in your bones, that today is a new day.

Alleluia! Amen.

***Hymn 232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession*

Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it. Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope. Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors. In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter. Show us how to hold onto hope. Show us how to run toward you. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 248** *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (v. 2)*

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Lesson Luke 24:1-12

Sermon *everything [in] between grief & hope*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory *Christ the Lord is risen again*

John Rutter

Christ, the Lord, is ris'n again, Christ has broken ev'ry chain! Hark, the angels shout for joy, Singing evermore on high: Alleluia! Christ who gave for us his life, Who for us endured the strife, Is our Paschal Lamb today. We, too, sing for joy, and say: Alleluia! Christ who bore all pain and loss. Comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry: Alleluia! He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; Now throughout the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia! Now he bids us tell abroad. How the lost may be restored, how the penitent forgiv'n, how we, too, may enter heav'n. Alleluia! You, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today your people feed; Take our sins and guilt away, that we all may sing for joy: Alleluia!

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION

***Choral Invitation 507** *Come to the Table* (v. 5 Joy)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving Communion Together

Communion Music *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Lani Smith

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Lani Smith

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

***Hymn 233** *The Day of Resurrection!*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Hallelujah Chorus* from Messiah

George Frideric Handel

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas

Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger

Choir Director, Angela Burns

Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant

Adult Choir

Trumpet, Casey Black

Production Coordinator, Jim Fox

Lay Reader, Melinda Stewart

Stoles and parament by Beth Davis

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Our Mission

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.