



Sunday April 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Carolyn Cross, Tom Hackleman,
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A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

An asterisk () indicates that those who are able may stand;
Bold type — please respond in unison.*

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Video

PRELUDE *“Happy the Soul Who Dwells in God”* Richard Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord hears us when we call:

Come, let us put our trust in God.

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

Come, let us sing God’s praises with shouts of joy!

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God’s grace.

*HYMN #260 *“Alleluia! Sing To Jesus”* (vs. 1, 2, 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin. Trusting in God’s promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are”. Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. Alleluia! Amen.

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please take this opportunity to “pass the peace” to those around you.)

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 John 3:1–7

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

2 **How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?**

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah

3 But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

4 **When you are disturbed, do not sin;**

ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah

5 Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the Lord.

6 **There are many who say, “O that we might see some good!**

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!”

7 You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

8 **I will both lie down and sleep in peace,**
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

ANTHEM *“Lamb Of God”* Twila Paris, Duet: Jean Nichols, Christy Clark

SECOND READING

Luke 24:36b-48

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 37 They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

SERMON

"...and wondering"

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN #265

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun" (vs. 1, 2, 5)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In response to God's abundant grace at work in our lives, let us present with gratitude our gifts of time, talent and treasure, for the building up of God's kingdom.

OFFERTORY

"In This Holy Place"

James Southbridge

*DOXOLOGY #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Living Lord, we give you thanks for the bounty of your grace: you create us in your image, shower us with your love, forgive us when we turn away from you, and give us a future with hope. Bless these gifts we offer you today, and make us good stewards

of the resources you have entrusted to us. May our gifts bring joy and peace in our church and in our community. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #307 *"God Of Grace And God Of Glory"* (vs. 1,2,4)

*CHARGE & BLESSING

***GOING FORTH #310** *"I Love Thy Kindom, Lord"* (vs. 1)

***POSTLUDE** *"Come Ye Faithful"* E. Broughton



Weekly Vista

WELCOME!

We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.

Please visit www.pcbv.org, or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

OFFICE HOURS

MON- WEDS:
9 am to 4 pm
THURS: 9am to 2pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 248-688-8736. Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org stating your need.

Deacons on Call for April:
Susan Foster,
Gail Cowden

4/7/2024 Attendance:
Members: 89 Visitors: 13 Online: 54



You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service.



SPRING FLING: PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

Saturday June 1, 3pm-4:30pm

"Puttin' on the Ritz" is a style show fundraiser also featuring live music, silent auction and savories. Tickets \$10. Details to come.

NEW DATE FOR CHURCH SALE!

Setup begins on September 30th through October 17th.
The sale will be held October 18-19.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 14

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship (OGHS - One Great Hour of Sharing Minute for Mission Video)

Monday, April 15

10:00am -4:00pm Presbytery Leadership (Judi out of office)
11:00am -3:00pm PEO Meeting (F/H) Chapter CD
2:15pm Spiritual Direction (P)

Tuesday, April 16

12:00am -12:00pm Presbytery Leadership (Ferncliff Camp, Judi out of office)
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, April 17

5:00pm Chancel Bells
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 18

1:00pm -3:00pm Ozark Hill Hikers (C)

Friday, April 19

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, April 20

No Events

Sunday, April 21

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship (Collect One Great Hour of Sharing)



Holy Humor Sunday 2024—Photos by Jan Halgrim

BIRTHDAY LUNCH BUNCH

All women of the congregation are invited to the Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, April 26, at Applebee's Restaurant, 528 N. 47th Street, Rogers (479-936-8989). Please sign up on the sheet in Connector Hallway so we know how many are going.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

Marilyn Vits
 Memorial @ PCBV
 April 22, 2024 @ 10am

Bernie Hietbrink
 Memorial @ PCBV
 April 27, 2024 @ 10am

BIRTHDAYS

Apr 14 Valerie Katz

Apr 16 Dottie Carter

