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Easter Sunday/Communion

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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

CHORAL INTROIT *“Introit for Easter”* Joel Raney

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“Our Triumphant Holy Day”* R.J. Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Alleluia!

Our triumphant and holy day!

Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host!

Alleluia!

*HYMN #232 *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, not even death. Trusting in this Good News, let us turn to God to honestly confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ conquered death to restore us to life. Believe this good news. Live this resurrection. Hope in God's promise because we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. 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

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

“Lead On, O King Eternal” Jason King

SECOND READING

John 20:1–18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Savior God, we need your good news. We need the challenge of your Holy Spirit. We need this time of Word and worship. Help us to tune our hearts and minds to your will and your way as we approach the Scriptures today. Amen.

SERMON

“The Encounter”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Book of Order)

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.

CHOIR ANTHEMS

“Risen Indeed” Larry Shackley
(soloist—Arlene Biebersheimer)

“A Triumphant Alleluia” Joseph Martin

“Arise! Arise!” Don Besig

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With glad and generous hearts, let us give from what we have received.

OFFERTORY

“The Path to Loving Kindness”

M. Shea

***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**

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless Christ’s ministry with these offerings. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE AND PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH** (*Choir Reprise*)

“A Triumphant Alleluia”

***POSTLUDE**

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Lee Rogers



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- THURS:
9 am to 3 pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 479-403-9082.

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:
Frank Taylor
Butch Cowdin

4/13/2025 Attendance:
Members & : 88 Visitors: 5 Online: 12



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

NEXT SUNDAY:

Holy Humor
Dress for The Funny Pages!

Vera LLOYD Garden Party at Peel Mansion and Heritage Gardens, Bentonville. When: Sunday May 4th, 2:00-4:00pm. RSVP and tickets \$50.00. See Florence Riter, Mission Elder.

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, April 25, 11:30, at Chicken Salad Chick, 500 SE Walton Blvd (479-552-7707). It doesn't have to be your birthday month, just come and enjoy good food, friends and fellowship. Sign up in Connector Hallway so we know how many are going. Thank you.

SHEPHERD GAME NIGHT

Next Shepherd Game night is Monday, April 28th 3-5pm. Hosted by Shepherd Group 4

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 20

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship / Easter / Communion
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

Monday, April 21

11am-3pm—PEO Meeting F/H)

Tuesday, April 22

9:30-10:30am—Spiritual Life (A)
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, April 23

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

Thursday, April 24

No Events

Friday, April 25

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

Saturday, April 26

2-3pm—John Foss Memorial Service

Sunday, April 27

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship (Holy Humor Sunday) United Campus Ministry is with us.
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Sandy Andrews & Owen Strong *in honor of the PCBV Congregation..*

Bill & Betty Bennett *in memory of my sister, Mary Lawrence Bennett*

Bill & Betty Bennett *in memory of our son, Mark Andrew Bennett.*

Gary & Debbie Brod *in memory of our parents.*

Julie Crenshaw *in memory of my parents and sister.*

Shirley Gilbert *in memory of my husband, Bill Gilbert.*

Janice Grim *in memory of my husband, Greg Grim.*

Erwin & Trudy Herzog *in memory of daughter, Cindy Herzog .*

Alice Irwin *in memory of my husband, Doc Irwin .*

Sharon & Dale Judson *in memory of Anna & Harold Judson and Martha & Ervan Judson.*

Peggy McMenus *in memory of her husband, Blake and their son, John.*

Jean Nichols *in memory of Art & Betty Buell and Bob & Eleanor Nichols.*

Bob & Shirley Olson *in memory of our parents.*

Jim & Donna Ramey *in memory of our parents.*

David & Cath Rew *in memory of Mary Smith.*

David & Cath Rew *in honor of children & grandchildren..*

David & Florence Riter *in memory of David and Florence's parents.*

Michelle Schall *in memory of Bandit.*

Frank & Eddie Lou Taylor *in memory of Lucy McOwen .*

Barb & Joe Tropansky *in memory of our son, David, and his wife Danette Tropansky.*

Jerry Vnuk *in memory of my wife, Kay.*

Terry Woods *in memory of Jack Woods.*

Holy Humor Sunday will be April 27th— This year's theme is "The Funny Pages" . You are invited to come with some kind of "symbol" of you favorite Sunday comic character. Think "Peanuts/Charlie Brown, Snoopy; Garfield, Popeye, Family Circus, Calvin & Hobbes....."



We will have a time for "jokes" that are pre-approved by our worship chair (Buddy) and myself. We will also have a "guess who I am" time in worship and music that reminds us of some comics that have been turned into tv shows/movies. There will be a time for "The Gospel According to Charlie Brown" as the meditation. And of course our annual photo of the whole congregation and some cartoon family



NOROC's Children in Romania **Thank You** for your prayers and donation of \$300 to the Big Hearted Grannies, Teachers and friends fund. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated and truly needed! Together in Christ's Service!



"Support our PCBV Cyclists as we participate in the UCM Ride for students at the University of Arkansas.

Pastor Judi, Dorothy Margve, and Gina Nida will be riding 35 miles on Friday, April 25th. If you are interested in joining the Friday ride, please see pastor Judi! If you want to ride with UCM, their ride is on Saturday the 26th.

Support your riders and pledge in Connector Hallway."