



*Christ  
Presbyterian  
Church*

EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, 2026

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *A Service of Word, Prayer, Sacrament of Baptism and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

April 5, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

### **Prelude**

**"Day of Resurrection"**

*LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879, arr. Michael Carl Green*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

Clint Wilcke

### **\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

based on 1 Corinthians 15:54-55

Elder: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Elder: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

**People: "Death is swallowed up in victory!" "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"**

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### **\*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, verses 1-4**

Hymn No. 277

*Music: EASTER HYMN, Lyra Davidica, 1708; Lyrics: Charles Wesley, 1739*

### **\*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.  
From there He shall come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>2</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Call to Confession**

1 John 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

<sup>\*</sup>*Please stand, if able.*

<sup>1</sup>*We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.*

<sup>2</sup>*The word "catholic" refers to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Confession of Sin

All: Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

John 15:7-11

<sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

### \*I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Music & Lyrics: Steve and Vikki Cook

1. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er,  
2. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er,  
3. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er,

whose price - less blood has ran - somed me.  
my life He bought, my love He owns.  
who car - ries me on ea - gle's wings.

Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails  
I have no long - ings for a - no - ther,  
He crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness,

and hung Him on that judg - ment tree.  
I'm sat - is - fied in Him a - lone.  
His tri - umph song I'll ev - er sing.

I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er,  
I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er,  
I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er,

who crushed the power of sin and death.  
His faith - ful - ness, my stand - ing place.  
who waits for me at gates of gold,

My on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge:  
 Though foes are might - y and rush u - pon me,  
 and when He calls me, it will be par - a - dise,

the Lamb who is my right - eous - ness,  
 my feet are firm held by His grace,  
 His face for - ev - er to be - hold,

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## Covenant Baptism

8:30 a.m. service  
 William Hardy Brown  
 Covenant Child of Ferriss & Abbie

## Jesus Loves Me, This I Know, verse 1

Hymn No. 189

8:30 a.m. service  
 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1861; Lyrics: Anna B. Warner, 1859

## Offertory Prayer

Deacon Allen Thigpen

## Offertory

"Risen Indeed!"  
 Christ Pres Choir  
 Music & Lyrics: Allen Pote

*Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.*

*\*\*Children's Church Dismissal: During both the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

## Pastoral Prayer

Elder Steve Redding

### Members of the Week:

Charles & Anna Gray Harris; Huck and Mims  
 Sam & Kacie Harris; Harper, Charlie and Henry

### Ministry of the Week:

Ricky & Arely Kroeger: Wycliffe - Mexico

### Teachers of the Week:

3rd & 4th Grade: Jane & Richard Cross, Claire & Bill Rosenblatt

### Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Webb & Tiffany Lewis

## The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

*\*Please stand, if able.*

*\*\*Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

Elder: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!****Sermon****"Christ the Song"**

Les Newsom

The Prophets &amp; the Promise: Christ in Every Longing

*Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.***Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper (also called Communion or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. All who trust in Christ alone as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing with a branch of His church that teaches that He is the only way to God the Father, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully with Jesus are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian or if you are not prepared to share in this meal today, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.

Children who have not yet made a public profession of faith are still welcome to come forward with their families for prayer. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to complete the Communicants Class, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

*Christ Pres seeks to be a joyful community of God's people who actively participate in worship. As we prepare to come to the Lord's Table, the following responsive elements help orient our hearts to the Lord and proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes again.*

Elder: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Elder: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.****Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution**

Elder: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Elder: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Elder: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward, and we will be happy to serve you in your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free.*

**Prayers for Those Not Communing****Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

**Prayer of Belief**

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Him as Savior. Amen.

**Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### Prayer for Covenant Children Who Have Not Yet Professed Faith in Christ

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

### Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

Music & Lyrics: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us  
2. The bo - dy of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you  
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you  
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



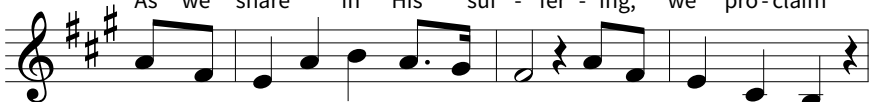
and we re - mem - ber, the pro - mise made that all who  
eat and re - mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that  
drink and re - mem - ber, He drained death's cup that all may  
and to re - mem - ber, our call to fol - low in the



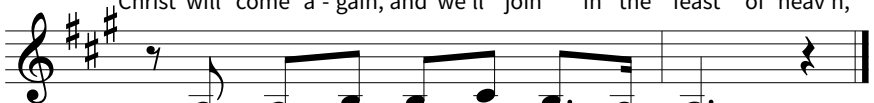
come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.  
brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.  
steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth.



So we share in this bread of life, and we drink  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink  
As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim



of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace,  
of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love,  
of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace,  
Christ will come a - gain, and we'll join in the feast of heav'n,



a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
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### Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!, verse 1-3, 5

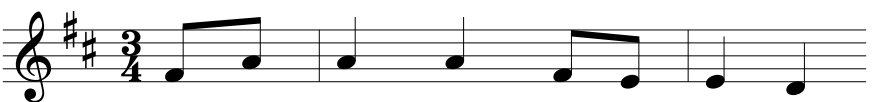
Hymn No. 498

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855, arr. Matthew Smith

Lyrics: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

### Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Music & Lyrics: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker



1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry  
2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry:  
3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry,  
4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry,

\*Please stand, if able.

in the dawn - ing of the King.  
 He the per - fect of the Son of Man,  
 Christ the Lord up - on the of tree,  
 slain by death the God of life.

He the theme of heav - en's prais - es,  
 in His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring,  
 In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners,  
 But no grave could e'er re - strain Him.

robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.  
 nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
 hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.  
 Praise the Lord, He is a - live.

In our long - ing, in our dark - ness  
 See the true and bet - ter A - dam  
 See the price of our re - dem - tion,  
 What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance,

now the light of life has come.  
 come to save the hell - bound man.  
 see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.  
 how un - wav - er - ing our hope.

Look to Christ Who con - de - scend - ed,  
 Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment  
 Bring - ing ma - ny sons to glo - ry,  
 Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed

took on flesh to ran - som us.  
 of the law, in Him we stand.  
 grace un - mea - sured, Love un - told.  
 as we will be when He comes.

**\*Benediction<sup>3</sup>**

**Prelude**

**"Water Music Suite No. 1 in F Major,  
 HWV 348: Passepied"**

*George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, arr. Mills*

**Musicians & AVL Team**

William Atchley, lights & projections; Thomas Britt, tuba; Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals;  
 Noel Childress, mandolin & vocals; Amanda Fliflet, percussion; Dylan Gray, bass;  
 Allison Lavender, violin; Max McDonaldson, sound engineer; Gabriel Miña-Reyes, cello;  
 Andy Paney, piano; Chris Quick, trumpet; Daniel Roebuck, trumpet;  
 Molly Singletary, keyboard & vocals; Daniel Spears, percussion; Charlie Torrent, horn;  
 Tatton Waldon, trombone

<sup>3</sup> Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.



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