

***“And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.”
1 Corinthians 6:14***



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***Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021***

***Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:
Look under “Updates” on our site to join online
or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted.
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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

Many: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

One: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

Many: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

One: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

Many: young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched lift the new, new songs of faith.

Hymn #108 "Christ Is Alive!"

Prayer of Confession

Joy-giving God, we know who we are: people who hear the harmony of your grace and love in our souls but sing off-key so often. We want to learn new songs, but those haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our heads. We long to make a joyful noise to you, but the hurts inflicted on us, and the pain we have caused others, silence our voices.

Sing to us, Conductor of Grace: sing of your forgiveness, your hope, your love for us. Strike a chord of humility in our hearts so our eyes could see all you have done for us; and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us; and in believing, we would echo that new song of hope and life composed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Response "Gloria Patri"

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also, with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Prayer of Illumination

Living God, today's Good News is so wondrous, so magnificent, that we struggle to wrap our heads around it. Give our hearts the wisdom to receive that which our heads cannot fully understand. Send your Spirit to fill our whole bodies with your resurrection promise. This we pray in your holy and good name. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: Reverend Max Hill

Hymn #243 "Be Not Afraid" (See insert from the Glory of God hymnal)

Presentation of new members

Elder: On behalf of the session, I present Joan Delaney, Cathy Munro, Elmer Nesselhauf and Jim Otto who have been received into the membership of this congregation by transfer from Calvary Presbyterian congregation.

Minister: In baptism you were claimed by God, marked as Christ's own forever, and joined to his body by the Holy Spirit. You come to us then, not as strangers, but as friends of Christ and members of the household of God. We rejoice that you now desire to join with this congregation in the worship and mission of the church.

Elder: Hear these words from scripture:

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

As members of the body of Christ, let us reaffirm the faith which we were baptized by joining in the Apostles' 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.

Minister: Joan, Cathy, Elmer, and Jim we have professed our faith as one body. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in the worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

New members answer with "I will, with God's help."

Minister: Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your people and joining us to Christ's body, the church. We praise you for leading Joan, Cathy, Elmer, and Jim to this congregation. Empower us by your Spirit, that we might love one another as Christ loved us, honoring him in all that we say and do, giving our lives in service to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Joan, Cathy, Elmer, and Jim remember your baptism and be thankful, and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you.

New members answer with "Thanks be to God."

Elder: Welcome to this ministry that we share in Jesus Christ.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Invitation to The Lord's Table

The Lord's Prayer

Response of Praise *“Doxology”*

Offering Checks may be mailed to the church or donate online.

Prayer of Dedication:

Take our gifts, Composing God, and weave a song of healing for the broken, of nourishment for the hungry, of hope for those who despair, and peace for those torn by violence. We sing our praises, as we offer our treasures, as well as our hearts, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn #113 *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”*

Charge and Benediction