

***Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

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***Benediction**

Postlude

"Postlude in Classic Style"

(Gordon Young)

In Our Prayers ✞

We pray for Stella Sautter, granddaughter of C.A. and Maythia Johnson, on her birth. We pray for our Special Care Friends, Roslynn Bol and Nancy Clerget.

Cover Image: "Fill My Cup," by Steve Prince. Inspired by Luke 24:1-12 Pen and ink on paper. "What does the man's position in the image suggest about his role in the scene? How does he relate to the figures and the action surrounding him?" (From the artist's statement).

Our greeters this morning are Chip and Carolyn Goldsberry.

Liturgy adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Our guest trumpeter this morning is Andrew Nguyen from Indianapolis. He comes to us from Purdue Bands and Orchestras where he plays both trumpet and clarinet. He is a graduate student pursuing a masters degree in Aviation and Aerospace Management.



Central Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

everything [in] between: grief & hope

April 20, 2025

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Contemporary Music: Paul Foster
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Welcome

Minute for Mission

Prelude "The Day of Resurrection" (arr. Burkhardt)

***Call to Worship** Kristie Sherman

Leader: 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.

People: But today— today we know hope.

Leader: Today we know life.

People: Today we know the sound of Alleluias.

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

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

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

People: Alleluia! Amen.

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Leader: The Gospel of Luke says: "It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles [of the resurrection]. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb."

People: 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.

** Please stand as you are able.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of Faith, at first, the disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen. They stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid. Peter was the only exception. Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.

People: God's grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we're grieving, when we're shouting and when we're silent, when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear. God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days, and every day in between. Thanks be to God for this good news! Alleluia! Amen.

***Congregational Response** "Glory to God" (back cover Hymnal)

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

Anthem "Easter Bells" (Michael Ryan)

Second Reading Luke 24:1-12

Message "running <toward> wonder" Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** "I Danced in the Morning" 157

*Affirmation of Faith

In the dark before dawn, we believe that God is alive. In the midst of our grief, we believe the Spirit is at work. In the chaos of our broken world, we believe that love is on the loose. For no stone could keep God at bay, and no violence could keep God's love from us. So today we sing, Alleluia! For somewhere in between our belief and doubt, hope lives. Christ has died, and Christ has also risen. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Congregational Response** "Gloria Patri" (back cover Hymnal)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at any time.

Offertory "Classical Easter" (Michael Hellman)