

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, April 30, 2017**

**Worship 11:00am**

*+ All who are able may stand*

*Regular type, one speaks; **bold type, everyone speaks.***

## **Preparing Ourselves**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**+Call to Worship**

L: Sisters and brothers in Christ, by Christ's cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin. **P: Alleluia!**

L: By Christ's rising, we are free from the fear of death. **P: Alleluia!**

L: By Christ's love, we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

**P: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**+Prayer of the Day and The Lord's Prayer-**

Let us pray: **Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples by the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence here today and every day, and with his disciples cry, "The Lord has risen, indeed!" We dare to ask this through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit, and who taught us to pray, saying: *Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

**+Hymn of Praise**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

#487

**Call to Reconciliation**

God judges all people impartially according to their deeds. Trusting in God's love in Jesus Christ, let us seek reconciliation with God by confessing our sins together.

## Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have once again been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.**  
(moment of silence.)

## Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and to all who are near and far. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad!

Response of Praise    *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks (Refrain only, 2x) #106*

## Passing of the Peace

L: By offering the peace of Christ to one another, we recognize each other's place in the family of God. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a handshake and/ or the exchange of the peace.*

Anthem                      Sing Praise to God/When Morning Guilds the Skies

## Hearing God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit, kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

#339

Second Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Rev. Chris White

## Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith – based on 1 Peter 1:17-23

**As people who invoke God as the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, we will live in reverent fear as we journey through life. We know that we were ransomed from the futile ways of our past, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. Christ was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for our sake. Through him we have come to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory, so that our faith and hope are set on God. Now that, through God’s Holy Spirit, our souls have been purified, we will live in obedience to the truth so that we have genuine mutual love. We will love one another deeply from the heart. We have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring Word of God.**

The Service of Giving	Prayer of Dedication	Musical Offering
+Response of Praise	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	#577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

L: Loving God, we offer to you the concerns of our church, our community and the world (prayers and a moment of silence are shared.)

*God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.***

**All: We thank you, O God, for loving us and caring for us in our times of joy and of sorrow. May we continue to feel your loving kindness through the presence of the Holy Spirit in our homes, our communities and the world. Amen.**

## Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn	<i>There is A Balm in Gilead</i>	#394
+The Charge and Benediction		
+ The Postlude		

*Liturgy today based on “Feasting on the Word” Worship Companion, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long, Westminster John Knox Press, 2013*