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COF Worship, April 11, 2021 11:15 am

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering and Praise

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

L: Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

P: Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

L: The crucified one is risen from the dead.

P: We are witnesses: Christ is risen indeed!

Let us pray: **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; the Christ who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; and who taught us to pray: *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.***

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 332). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Hymn *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning; see what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: Christ is risen! Get you gone!

God the first and last is with us. Sing hosanna everyone!

Call to Confession

When we bring our confessions to God, we are also owning up within ourselves the mistakes we have made and the ways we have caused injury in our lives. Trusting in God's mercy, let us offer our confession to our gracious God:

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

(moment of silence.) Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 61) Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Because we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are also raised to life with him. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p.62). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Response of Praise *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (refrain only)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. (2x)

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 320). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

First Reading **I John 1:1-10** We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Hymn *Thine is the Glory*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay,
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hath won.*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life! Love is nought without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home
above.*

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hath won.

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31 ¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)*

I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering prayer *thank you to all who continue to give!*

L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.

P: Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Going to Serve

Hymn *Song of Hope*

May the God of hope go with you every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace,

May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing share our joy with all,

Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

(repeat)

Charge and Benediction

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