



Worship for the Lord's Day 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

9:30 am

Prelude

Jesus Paid it All

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Opening Words

- One: Jesus said,
- All: "Follow me."
- One: Jesus said,
- All: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
- One: Jesus said,
- All: "Forgive seventy times seven."
- One: Jesus said,
- All: "Feed my sheep."
- One: In response, we say:
- All: "Here's my heart. Take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts above."
- One: Let us worship God with all our hearts.

*Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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Call to Confession

One: For the last seven weeks we have been following the life and faith of Peter. Despite being one of Jesus' most loyal disciples, Peter still made mistakes. He was faithful and messy, humble and afraid, loving and cautious.

Friends, we're a lot like Peter. Despite our faith, we make mistakes. Despite our belief, we carry unbelief. Despite our love, we can cause hurt. So like Peter, let us return to God in prayer, confessing the truth of our lives. God's grace does not stop with that humble yet fearful disciple. God's grace reaches all the way to us. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink. You tell us your truth and we push it away. We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance. We profess our faith and deny it three times. We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence. Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith. Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination. Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you. With humble hearts we pray, amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, the first time that Peter saw Jesus after the crucifixion, Jesus asked him three times, "Do you love me?" This repetition was not because Jesus doubted Peter's word. This repetition was Jesus offering Peter grace.

The last time Jesus and Peter were together, Peter said three times, "I do not know that man." So when Jesus returned, he asked Peter, "Do you love me?" And in that moment, he allowed Peter to turn his denials into love.

Friends, the grace of our God knows no end. When we stumble, when we fall, when we deny God or cause harm, Jesus meets us where we are and offers us a second chance. So rest in this good news. Does God love you? Yes, yes, yes. God loves you.

All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love that never ends.

*Sung Response 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

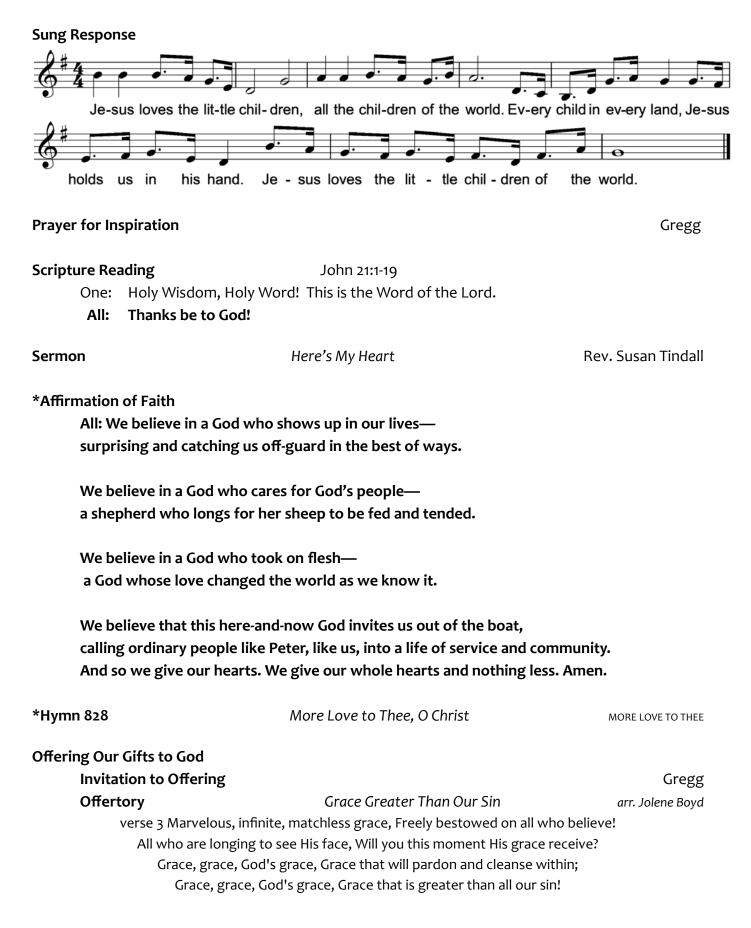
*Sharing the Peace of Christ

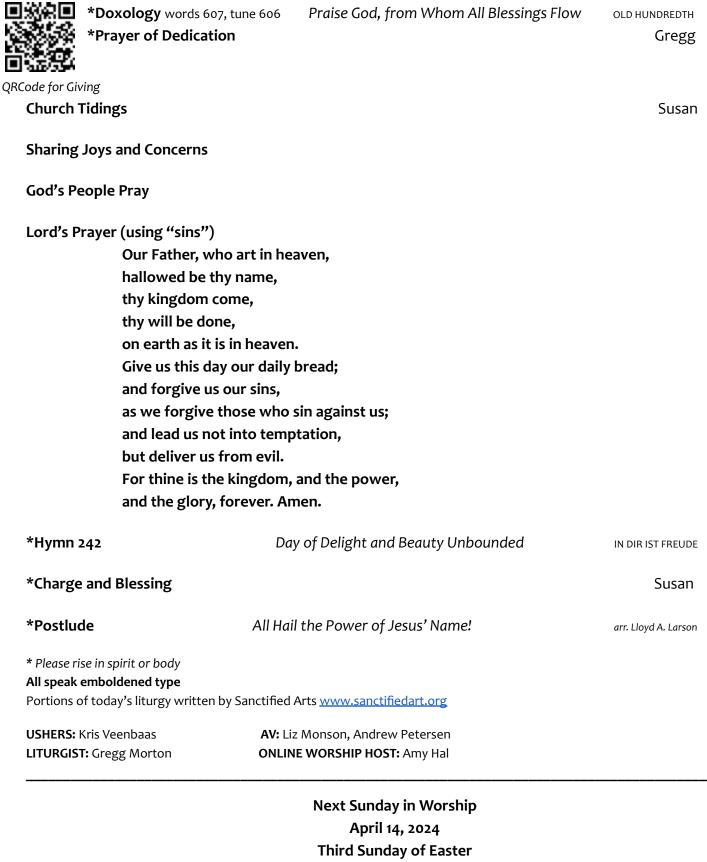
- One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!
- All: And also with you!

Gregg

Growing with God

Following our time together, all children are invited to remain in Grace Space or return to their parents.





9:30 am

Luke 24:36b-48**v** Strength of a Witness

This week at CPC:

Sunday, April 7 Second Sunday of Easter

9:30 am — Worship 9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL6 10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Zoom 5:00 pm— High School Cubes; Youth Lounge

Monday, April 8 7:00 pm — Session; Chapel / Hybrid

Tuesday, April 9

12:30 pm — PW Luncheon & Program; Fellowship Hall 1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel 7:00 pm — Nominating; Zoom

Wednesday, April 10

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

Thursday, April 11

9:00 am — Read * Share* Pray; Chapel / Zoom 7:00 pm — APNC meeting; Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 12

Saturday, April 13

Sunday, April 14 Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 am -— Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL6 10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Zoom 5:00 pm — Family Trivia Night; Neat Kitchen, Westmont



NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed on **April 21.** Families can drop off their little ones to be cared for by our volunteers. We use a pager system in case a parent is needed. The Nursery is located across from the church

office on the main floor and is always open and available for use, even when not staffed by our volunteers. Livestream of the worship service is offered in the Nursery.

CPC KIDS

We are happy to be back this Sunday in Faith Formation class. This week we will learn about how Jesus forgives Peter. We will also talk about how Jesus loves all of us and wants us to love him too!

GRACE SPACE - A SPACE FOR ALL CHILDREN

Whether you are a long time member bringing your children to worship or you are visiting us for the first time, Grace Space is available to all! Children can participate in the worship service in a space designed just for them. There are coloring & activity pages, books, puzzles, fidget items, streamers and more for your child to use while worshiping right up front so as to not miss a thing!

See you in Grace Space!!

CPC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS! 5-7:30pm

We hope you all had a safe and relaxing break AND we are so excited to see our high school students back in the youth lounge this week! We will share cube



time discussing the topic of how our faith interacts with various stances on war, we will share dinner together and end with some WF fun! Next Sunday, youth and their families are invited to CPC Family Trivia Night! See below for details!

BIBLE EXPLORERS GROUP April 28

During Sunday worship service

All kids in 3rd - 5th grade are encouraged to participate in our Bible Explorers group. These

sessions will be exciting, engaging and experiential. Kids will get a chance to interact with their friends and their Bibles in ways that equip and inspire them to read their Bibles regularly at home.









CIRCLE OF VOICES April 17, 9:30 am Gathering Room

Circle of Voices meets on Wed., April 17th at 9:30 am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Copies of **The Secret Life of Groceries: The Dark Miracle of the American Supermarket** by Benjamin Lorr are at the Clarendon Hills Library. All are welcome, even if you have not finished or read the book.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION BEING A GREEN COMMUNITY April 7, 14, 21 10:45-11:45 am in the Chapel Zoom link

April 7 – "Imagining the Future of Energy at CPC Together" – An Energy Master Plan and Visioning Session for the Year - Led by Dan Huntsha of Faith in Place. Dan will present our current energy usage and challenges, share information about GEOthermal and solar and together we'll review a strategy for implementation and potential cost, credits and phase scheduling.

April 14 - **"Stories of Implementation"** - Led by Anne Engelhardt and her Green Team from Yorkville. This church will share ideas for best practice for implementing a green plan.

April 21 – "Sharing and Writing our GREEN CPC Story" –Led by Michele Vickery and Robin Randall. We will honor Earth Day with the planting of an Oak tree followed by conversation about our Green history, sustainable planting and habitat forming.

News of THE AMOS GROUP

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24

Time's running out! PLEASE HELP!

For the past two years, CPC has been a major supporter of deserving Hinsdale South seniors heading off to college. Ayesha Truman, Student Support Coordinator for the

school, has created an Amazon Wish List specifically for this purpose. When we use the link below, all donations will be delivered directly to Ayesha at the school. *Ayesha needs to receive things by April 19, so don't wait.* Thanks in advance for helping to ease this important transition time! <u>COLLEGE WISHLIST</u>

Please send your questions, ideas or comments to Gregg Morton.

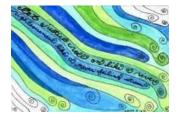


PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESENTS: An Iberian Voyage April 9, 12:30 pm Fellowship Hall

We're excited for you to be with us as Donna Gabanski takes us on a voyage that begins in Lisbon, Portugal, and ends in Barcelona, Spain, with stops along the Spanish coast and Gibraltar. We will experience the area's history through arts, architecture, and rich cultural heritage.



Sandwiches and dessert will be served.







CPC CHURCH FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT April 14, 5:00-7:00 pm Neat Kitchen & Bar in Westmont

Who will be crowned CPC Trivia Royalty next Sunday? Come test your trivia knowledge while learning about the many opportunities for Youth at CPC. Neat opens at 4pm so come early and prep your team so we can start trivia promptly at 5 pm. Teams will be randomly selected but if you



grab a friend (adults or students), they can be your guaranteed teammate! You can register guests or guests can register themselves. You do not need a Realm account to sign up for this event. Ready to RSVP? Use the QR Code!



CPC CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: Avalon String Quartet Sunday, April 28 3:00 pm

CPC welcomes the Avalon String Quartet, one of the country's leading string chamber music ensembles. They have performed in major venues including Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and the 92nd St Y in New York; the Library of Congress and National Gallery of Art in Washington DC, and have appeared internationally. Avalon is quartet-in-residence at the Northern Illinois University School of Music.

They will perform a classical string quartet concert featuring Florence Price's G Major Quartet No. 1, Dmitri Shostakovich's Quartet No. 9 in E-flat Major, and the Antonín Dvořák Quartet No. 13 in G Major. Price and Dvořák brim with charm, lyricism, and lush harmonies, contrasted by the intense brooding voice of Shostakovich.

The musicians are Blaise Magnière (violin), Marie Wang (violin), Anthony Devroye (viola), and Cheng-Hou Lee (cello).

MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION

Food pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC. Thank you for your generous donations.

The suggested menu is:

- Cereal and Pancake Mix
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Beans
- Rice
- Canned Tuna or chicken
- Salad Dressing
- Paper Products

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CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL PILGRIMAGE

Fri Oct 18-Sun Oct 27

New Orleans, Jackson, Montgomery, Birmingham

This ten-day pilgrimage to the South promises to deliver a deeper understanding of and insights into the historic movers and movements of the historic and ongoing civil rights struggles as we learn personal stories, visit museums and historical sites and experience cultural immersion.

This trip is limited to 30 people. Be encouraged to register early. Partial Scholarships are available. Contact Pastor Beth or Gregg Morton for more info.







KIDS' ACADEMY FUNDRAISER Spring Flower / Plant Sale Orders due Monday, April 15

Please order your Spring flowers and plants from the Kids' Academy (KA) sale! All proceeds benefit the KA Tuition Assistance Fund, ensuring all children have access to quality preschool and before / after school care for elementary aged children.





COME JOIN US!

Explore Membership at Community Presbyterian Church (CPC)

Do you have questions about church or being Presbyterian? Have you ever wondered what being a member at CPC means? We would love to talk about faith, get to know one another better, introduce you to the staff of the church, and spend time answering questions, as well as honoring that we do not have all the answers. We are flexible with meeting times and are happy to come to you! Please reach out to **Pastor Susan Tindall**, <u>susan.tindall@chcpc.org</u> or **Ingrid Ellithorpe**, Community Connector, <u>ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net</u>



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