

## Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

9:30 am

### Prelude

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

arr. Cindy Berry

*Easter Prelude*

Jeremy Van Hoy

Brass Quartet

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Krista Kocoras

### Words of Welcome

Rev. Susan Tindall

### \*Opening Words

Robin Randall

One: Yesterday we thought death had won.  
Yesterday we thought all was lost.  
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

**All: But not today.**  
**Today we know that love has won.**  
**Today we know that hope is real.**  
**Today we know that Christ is here.**

One: We have a reason to hope.

**All: We have a reason to sing!**

One: Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia! Christ is risen today.**

### \*Hymn 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

### Call to Confession

Robin

One: In the Gospel of Luke, the women come to the tomb, and to their surprise, instead of finding Jesus, they find angels. The angels tell the women, "Jesus is not here," and when that answer is met with confusion, the angels say, "Remember what he told

you.” Remember. It’s one of the words Jesus used at his last supper, and it’s one of the first words we hear at the empty tomb. Remember.

I think this call to remember is why we need the prayer of confession and these words of forgiveness every single week. It’s not enough to hear of God’s grace once. We need to hear it over and over again, week after week. We need to be reminded that God’s grace and mercy will never run out.

So friends, let us run to God like the women ran to the tomb. Let us tell the truth of our lives so that once again we can be reminded that our God is a God of grace, mercy, and love. Let us pray so that we can remember.

Join me in the prayer of confession:

### **Prayer of Confession**

One: The stone is rolled away!

**All: We assume it is a mistake.**

One: The angels say, “He is not here!”

**All: We assume their news is fake.**

One: The women tell the story,

**All: but we do not want to hear it.**

One: Peter runs to the tomb,

**All: but we do not understand.**

One: Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank.

**All: Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death.**

One: Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope  
when you are alive and well in the world.

**All: Teach us to see what you see.**

One: Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

**All: Amen.**

### **Assurance of God’s Grace**

One: The angels tell the women, “Remember what Jesus told you.” So, church, let’s remember together:

**All: We are seen.**

**We are forgiven.**

**We are held in God’s grace.**

**All of this is true.**

**Grace and mercy abound for all. Remember this. Amen.**

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Robin

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!**

**\*Sung Response 591 refrain only**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

HALLE, HALLE

**Growing with God**

Susan

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

**Sung Response**



Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, all the chil-dren of the world. Ev-ery child in ev-ery land, Je-sus holds us in his hand. Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren of the world.

**Prayer for Inspiration**

Robin

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 24:1-12

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*And We Hope*

Rev. Susan Tindall

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We may weep through the longest nights.**

**We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.**

**We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.**

**But today, we are a people of hope.**

**We believe in new beginnings.**

**We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.**

**We believe that Jesus abides among us,**

**healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.**

**We believe that a tomb could not hold him.**

**We believe that the sun does rise.**

**We believe that Peter was there**

**with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed.**

We believe that the story is not over yet,  
for God is among us.  
Today we are a people of hope.

\*Hymn 246

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

### Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Robin

Offertory

*An Easter Cry of Praise*

Joel Raney

Chancel Choir & Brass Quartet

\*Doxology words 607, tune 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Dedication

Robin



QRCode for Giving

### Holy Communion

Rev. Susan Tindall

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: (prayer continues)...We join with the voices of the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and  
earth are full of your glo - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -  
san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -  
san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

One: However, before we found ourselves in the garden,....  
(prayer continues)...

For we are believers in the great mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! \_\_\_\_\_

### Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

#### \*Communion of the People

Ushers will invite you to come forward for the receiving of communion.

All are invited to come to the table using the center aisle and return via the outside aisles.

The center station offers allergen-free wafers and prepackaged communion elements.

Any with mobility challenges will be served in the pews.

#### \*Communion Music

*Adoro te devote*

Charles Callahan

Glenn Gabanski, organ

#### Prayer Following Communion

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. We are filled with hope and possibility! Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world:  
The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

\*Hymn 248

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY

\*Charge and Blessing

Susan

**\*Postlude**

*Alleluia, Christ Is Risen!*

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Brass Quartet and Piano

\* Please rise in spirit or body

**All speak emboldened type**

Portions of today's liturgy written by Sanctified Arts [www.sanctifiedart.org](http://www.sanctifiedart.org)

**USHERS:** Andrew Petersen, Todd Petersen

**ACOLYTE:** Krista Kocoras

**LITURGIST:** Robin Randall

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Kathy Adelman, Janice Bouchard, John Boxell, and Ann Lorenz

**ONLINE WORSHIP HOST:** Stephanie Rens-Domiano

**AV:** Liz Monson, Pat Garner

**BRASS QUARTET:** Jessen Smith, Trumpet; Kerry McClaren, Trumpet; Rebekah Green, Horn; Bob Parham, Trombone

**Next Sunday in Worship**

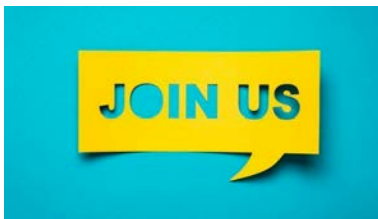
**April 7**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**9:30 am**

John 21:1-19

*Here's My Heart*



**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**, [susan.tindall@chcpc.org](mailto:susan.tindall@chcpc.org) or **Ingrid Ellithorpe**, Community Connector, [ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net)



**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.

[Click here to order online.](#)



## This week at CPC:

**Sunday, March 31**

**Easter**

**Communion**

**7:00 am — Sunrise Worship; Garden**

7:45 am — Continental Breakfast; Gathering Room

8:30 am — Chancel Choir warmup; Sanctuary

**9:30 am — Worship; Sanctuary**

Walk Easter Story in Garden — before and after  
9:30 worship

No Faith Formation; Sunday AM Adult Ed; or Youth  
Ministry Activities—all resume on April 7

**Monday, April 1**

**Church Office Closed**

7:00 pm — Worship & Music; zoom only

**Tuesday, April 2**

7:00 pm — House & Grounds; Gathering Room

**Wednesday, April 3**

**Thursday, April 4**

9:00 am — Read \* Share\* Pray

Chapel / Zoom

5:00 pm —Exodus Celebration of Hope Dinner;

Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

7:00 pm — APNC meeting; Fellowship Hall

**Friday, April 5**

**Saturday, April 6**

**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

## 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 ARE ON SPRING BREAK

**Faith formation class will resume on April 7.**



**CPCkids**

## CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAYS!

**Programs resume 04.07**

We hope you all have a safe and renewing Spring Break! We look forward to being back together on April 7! Middle school students, if you have not already done so, please give Pastor Susan your spring activities calendar. You never know when the CPC Cheering section will be at your next event!



**CPC YOUTH**  
Connect • Explore • Serve

## 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.,y April 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



**CPC CHURCH FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT**

April 14, 5:00-7:00 pm

Neat Kitchen & Bar in Westmont

Mark your calendars for a night of competition, food and fun at Neat Kitchen & Bar in Westmont! Come test your trivia knowledge while learning about the many opportunities for Youth at CPC. 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!



**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.



Community Presbyterian Church

39 North Prospect  
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514  
630-323-6522

[www.chcpc.org](http://www.chcpc.org) [Follow us on Facebook](#)

Beth Freese Dammers  
Susan Tindall  
Kristin Duy  
Jane Hudgins  
Sintia Arambula  
Christopher Cock  
Jason Hill  
Stephanie Rens-Domiano  
Paula Cyphers  
Kris Veenbaas  
Laurie Scola  
Shannon Nyhart  
Stephen Minister

Pastor / Head of Staff  
Transitional Associate Pastor  
Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Director of CPC Kids' Academy  
Assistant Director of Kids' Academy  
Director of Music Ministry  
Church Musician  
Director of Digital Platform  
Co-Director of Older Adult Ministries  
Co-Director of Older Adult Ministries  
Financial Administrator  
Church Administrator  
Confidential caregivers

beth.fd@chcpc.org  
susan.tindall@chcpc.org  
kduy@chcpc.org  
jane.hudgins@chcpc.org  
kidsacademy@chcpc.org  
christopher.cock@chcpc.org  
jason.hill@chcpc.org  
stephanie.rensdomiano@chcpc.org  
paulacyphers@aol.com  
kveenbaas101@gmail.com  
accounting@chcpc.org  
shannon.nyhart@chcpc.org  
stephen.ministries@chcpc.org

