Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023
9:30 am

Prelude
Doxology
Canzona per sonare
Brass Quartet

Introit
Festivity
Clarion Bells

Lighting of the Christ Candle
Mia Salbego

Words of Welcome
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words
One: What are you looking for?
All: The light before dawn.
One: What are you looking for?
All: A reason to hope.
One: What are you looking for?
All: Joy after grief and flowers after winter.
One: What are you looking for?
All: A place to belong.
One: What are you looking for?
All: We are looking for the Messiah.
One: Good news! Come in. Love is alive!
All: Surely God is in this place.

*Hymn 232
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn
Call to Confession

One: As a teenager, my younger brother used to yell down the stairs, “Mom! I can’t find my tennis shoes!” My mother would lovingly holler back, “Have you checked your closet?” My brother would assure her that he had, and tell her they were nowhere to be found.

Like clockwork, my mom would then walk up the creaky stairs of our two-story home, and like some parental magic trick, pull my younger brother’s shoes from his closet. The shoes were there the whole time. He just couldn’t see them.

Friends, sometimes our relationship with God can feel a little bit like that. We seek after God. We swear that we’re looking, and yet so often we miss when the Divine is right under our noses.

So let us pray together, knowing that our seeking has its limits, but God’s love does not. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

All: God of resurrection, we confess, like a dog with a bone, we run aimlessly. We chase our tails, looking for things that provide answers to the suffering of the world, looking for comfort to our longest nights. You meet us in the darkness before dawn, but we mistake you for the gardener. Forgive us for seeking after worldly things. Forgive us for forgetting to seek you. Speak to us. Call us by name, that we might recognize you in our midst. With hope and gratitude we pray, amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Family of faith, No matter how many times we lose sight of God, God never loses sight of us. We might spend our whole days seeking, but we are always found. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel, the good news proclaimed in resurrection:

All: What once was lost is found. We are held in God’s loving embrace: forgiven, claimed, and sent to serve. Alleluia! Amen.

*Sung Response 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*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!

*Sung Response 591 refrain only Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
A Time with Youngest Children

Following our time together, the children should go back to their seats and join their parents.

Prayer for Inspiration

Liz

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Seeking: Who are you looking for? 
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*Affirmation of Faith

One: We believe in resurrection—
All: mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet, like tulips after the snow: real.
One: We believe in Easter morning—
All: in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.
One: We believe in Jesus—
All: who calls us by name and asks, “Who are you looking for?”
One: So we look—
All: for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.
One: And as we look, we sing—
All: “Alleluia!” Amen.

*Hymn 241

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Liz

Offertory

Easter Festival

Chancel Choir & Brass Quartet

*Doxology words 607, tune 606
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

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:

One: Resurrecting God, Mary went to the garden looking for you.

(prayer continues)...

For we are believers in the great mystery of faith:

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 240
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
Adagio
Glenn Gabanski, organ

Prayer Following Communion
Where don't we seek after you, God? We look for you in the mirror, in strangers, in sunrises, on mountain tops, in the laughter of children, and in meals shared together. We look for you on the city streets, in hospital rooms, in jail cells, in poetry, and hymn melodies. We look for you everywhere! Sometimes the seeking is hard, but then at other times, we come to this Table and all are fed, and all are welcomed, and there is room for everyone, and no one is turned away, or made to feel unworthy.
And in those moments, we see you clearly.
So thank you for meeting us in our seeking. Please don’t stop seeking us.
Gratefully we pray, amen.

*Hymn 238
Thine is the Glory

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude
Alleluia, Christ Is Risen!
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

USHERS: Abby Petersen, Andrew Petersen, Becky Rush, Derek Rush
ACOLYTE: Mia Salbego
LITURGIST: Liz Monson
COMMUNION SERVERS: Sam Dammers, Janice Bouchard, Jason Salbego
ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Linda Cirillo
AV: Robert Monson, Tristan Rush
BRASS QUARTET: Jessen Smith, Trumpet; Kerry McClaren, Trumpet; Emily Whittaker, Horn; Bob Parham, Trombone
Next Sunday in Worship, April 16
Second Sunday of Easter
New Members Join
Baptism
9:30 am

Seen & Unseen: Believe
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

COME JOIN US!
Explore Membership at CPC

Do you have questions about our 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. We are flexible with meeting times and are happy to come to you! Please reach out to Pastor Susan Tindall, susan.tindall@chpc.org or Ingrid Ellithorpe, Membership Chair, ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net

KIDS' ACADEMY FUNDRAISER
Spring Flower / Plant Sale
Orders due Monday April 10
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 for the order form.

THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS
Thursdays, 9:00 -10:30 am
We begin a new book study on Thursday April 13. Join us to read and discuss Speaking of Faith, by Krista Tippett. Books available in the church office. We are pleased to provide you with a book at no cost. Or if you wish to donate, the cost of each book is $15.

CIRCLE OF VOICES
April 19 9:30 am
Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, April 19th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is The Last Thing He Told Me: A Novel by Laura Dave. All
This week at CPC:

Sunday, April 9
Easter Communion
7:00 am — Sunrise Worship; Garden
7:45 am — Continental Breakfast; Gathering Room
8:30 am — Chancel Choir warm up; Sanctuary
9:30 am — Worship; Sanctuary
Walk Easter Story in Garden — before and after
9:30 worship
No Sunday School
No Youth Ministry Activities

Monday, April 10
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 11
12:30 pm — PW Program; Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid

Wednesday, April 12
NO Choir practice

Thursday, April 13
9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devotions; Chapel / Zoom
NO Clarion Bell Rehearsal
7:30 pm — The Amos Group; Zoom

Friday, April 14

Saturday, April 15

Sunday, April 16
Second Sunday of Easter
Baptism / New Members Join
9:30 am — Worship
9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6
9:45 am — Middle School Bagel Bunch; LL8
10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Zoom
5:00 pm — WF Road Rally

NURSERY CARE
*6 weeks - 2 years
Look for our volunteers on May 7. Families can drop off their little ones to be cared for during worship service. We use a pager system in case a parent is needed. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON SPRING BREAK
*kids 3 yrs - 5th grade
Kids can pick up a bulletin and coloring page from the Narthex on their way into the Sanctuary.
*SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL MEET APRIL 16

CPC YOUTH GATHER ON APRIL 16
Students in grades 6-12 will next meet on April 16th! High School students, please reach out to your cube leader if you are interested in participating in the Road Rally on April 16th! If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact Pastor Susan.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION
April 16
10:45-11:45 am

Sunday morning adult education does not meet today, Easter Sunday. On April 16, our session will be taught by Dr. Megan VanGorder, Assistant Professor of History at Governors State University. Her presentation entitled: Lincoln and Lament: Grieving Together and Wisdom for Hope, invites those interested in Lincoln to examine how he developed a personal program of lament and how some Civil War era Americans responded to his wisdom during their own trial. Hybrid: Chapel or Zoom.
PW APRIL PROGRAM: RAISING MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

Tues April 11 at 12:30 pm

Everyone is invited to the Presbyterian Women’s April program on 04/11 at 12:30 pm. The beautiful monarch butterfly is now an endangered species. Due to climate change and other environmental factors, its population has dropped considerably in the past few years. Join us as Forest Preserve Commissioner and passionate conservationist Linda Painter shows us how to raise monarchs in our own backyards. She will bring and demonstrate the special equipment needed and tell us the techniques she uses. Of course, there will be delicious desserts and time for fellowship. See you there!

CREATION CELEBRATION

April 23
10:30-11:45 am

We will be planting some new additions to the Memorial Garden and dedicating them for God’s good creation at CPC! Following our time outside, everyone is invited on Zoom or in the chapel to join Dan Huntsha from Faith in Place for a workshop titled: “New Solar and Energy Efficiency – How to lower your footprint and save money.” In this presentation, Dan will cover the new ways folks can save money and reduce their carbon footprint at the same time. We’ll explore why the issue matters, concrete things you can do right now, and have some fun as we explore how The Far Side cartoons can make us laugh and explore climate truths at the same time.

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