

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR APRIL 7, 2024

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** Handbells: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* from Lyra Davidica  
arr. P. Cota

**INTROIT 254** *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* PUER NOBIS  
NASCITUR

## Gathering Around The Word

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** from Ps. 133:1-3; John 20:21-22

One: Peace be with you.

**All:** How good and pleasant it is  
when we live together in unity.

One: Receive the Holy Spirit.

**All:** It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.

**\*HYMN 246** *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO

**CALL TO CONFESSION** from 1 John 1:8-9

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit,  
with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood,  
yet we still struggle to live and believe  
the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us.  
Enter into our lives and cast out our fear  
so that we may come to trust in you  
and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** from 1 John 2:1-2

One: We have an advocate with God—Jesus Christ, the righteous  
one—who offered his life in love to save the world from sin.  
This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are  
forgiven.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

*We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.*

**\*RESPONSE 581** GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**  
**world without end. Amen, amen.**

## Listening To the Word

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD** from 1 John 1:1;  
John 20:27-28

**FIRST READING** ACTS 4:32-35  
*(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)*

**ANTHEM** *Easter Song* Ann Herring

*\*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

**\*SECOND READING** JOHN 20:19-31

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

## Responding to the Word

**\*HYMN 515** *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
**Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;**  
**on the third day he rose again from the dead;**  
**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**  
**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS** See prayer concerns list, back page

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**GREAT 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!

*- prayer continues -*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** page 35 in hymnal

**SHARING THE FEAST**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM** from Acts 4:32-35

*Remember the first believers—who shared one heart and soul,*  
*held their possessions in common, and distributed them to all in need.*

*In that same spirit, let us present our offerings*  
*at the feet of the risen Lord.*

## OFFERTORY

**\*THE DOXOLOGY 606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Christ, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise God above, you heavenly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** from John 20:19-22

## God Sends Us Forth

**\*HYMN 238** *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABAEUS

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**\*BLESSING**  
**HYMN** *Irish Blessing* inside back cover of hymnal

## POSTLUDE

### Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!  
You can scan this QR code with your  
smartphone to fill out our online form.  
We would love to get to know you better!



### This Week

**TODAY! @ 4:00pm** - Interracial Dialogue  
**Mon., April 8** - Church Office Closed  
**Tue., April 9 @ 5:00pm** - Earth Care Team Meeting  
**Wed., April 10 @ 10:30am** - Presbyterian Women Bible Study  
**Wed., April 10 @ 12:00pm** - Packing Food Boxes @ GFP  
**Wed., April 10 @ 1:00pm** - trip to Glass Art Museum  
**Wed., April 10 @ 6:30pm** - Choir Practice  
**Thur., April 11 @ 10:30am** - Spiritual Practices Group  
**Thur., April 11 @ 4:30pm** - Congregational Care Meeting  
**Thur., April 11 @ 5:45pm** - Centering Prayer  
**Sat., April 13** - PW Spring Gathering in Richmond, KY  
**Sat., April 13 @ 10:30am** - Needle Workers Group

### Worship Assistants Next Week

**Liturgist**.....Nina Wilhelm  
**Ushers**.....Suzanne Kidd & Kim King  
**Audio**.....Terry Randall  
**Video**.....Richard Wright  
**Coffee Plus**.....Cathy Wright

**First Reading—Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Second Reading—John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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."

<sup>26</sup>A 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." <sup>27</sup>Then 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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*



**Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing**

Jane Evans; Georgia Chrisman, Todd Chrisman's mother; Lynn Cain; Ed & Joyce Mick; Barbie Cooper; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

**Current Giving**

	Rec'd month of Feb.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
<b>Pledged Offering</b>	\$8,563	\$11,985	\$18,478	\$23,971
<b>Non-Pledged</b>	\$5,103	\$3,289	\$9,339	\$6,577

**Blessing Box Attendant**

**This Week**.....Marshall Judy  
**Next Week**.....Susan & Steve Cornelius

**Assisting In Worship Today**

**Ministers**.....Every Member  
**Liturgist**.....Zack Vaught  
**Ushers**.....Paula Burlew & Mary Jones  
**Audio**.....Mary Beth Waller  
**Video**.....Jon Burlew  
**Coffee Plus**.....Laura Wright  
**Director of Music**.....Theresa Jean Kibby  
**Piano & Organ**.....Debby McDonald  
**Interim Pastor**.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

**Deacons:**

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

**Elders:**

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

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April 7th, 2024

**The Second Sunday of Easter**



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**People of God, Welcome Home!**

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.