

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

APRIL 4, 2021

WELCOME

INTROIT

**Christ is Risen!**

*J. Sanborn*

*Christ is risen! Allelujah!  
Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more.  
Death has no dominion over Him.  
For in that He died, He died unto sin.  
For in that He lives, He lives unto God!  
Christ is risen! Allelujah!*

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*adapted from 1 Corinthians 15.55-56*

Minister: Christ has risen from the dead and become the first fruits of those who slept.  
Where, O death, is your sting? Where, O grave, is your victory?

**All: The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today** | No. 277  
*Stanzas 1, 3, and 4*

EASTER HYMN

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*a responsive reading from 1 Corinthians 15*

Minister: Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received.

**All: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.**

Minister: Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

**All: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *O Breath of God*

RISEN CHRIST

O breath of God, come fill this place;  
Revive our hearts to know Your grace;  
And from our slumber make us rise  
That we may know the Risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained,  
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.  
Let us reflect Your sacrifice  
That we may know the Risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit make us one.  
In holiness let us unite  
That we may know the Risen Christ.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

**All: Heavenly Father, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we succumb to doubt and fear, drawn to the ways that lead to death. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor, and are constantly fixated on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to know that we have been raised with Christ and forgiven from the penalty of sin, that we may enjoy the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the exalted and risen Lord. Amen.**

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 5:1*

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:  
Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*Children's Time (10:30 service only)*

*After the intercessory prayer, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary. Teachers will return with the children after the sermon. Parents may meet them by the north entrance, or children may join their parents at their seats.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### **Risen Christ, We Praise Thy Name**

*arr. L. Pfautsch*

*Risen Christ, we praise Thy Name, Lord of all we bow before Thee;  
Heav'n and earth extol Thy Fame, Men and angels all adore Thee.  
With Your victory o'er the grave, all your people now You save.  
Cherubim and seraphim praise Thy name with joy increasing,  
Prophets and apostles join angelic choirs in hymns unceasing,  
All the martyrs with one accord add their praise to the risen Lord.  
All Thy church in every land lifts its voice in adoration  
Unto Thee, O God of love, for Thy work of our salvation;  
Thou art King of life and love, risen to Thy heaven above.*

## SCRIPTURE READING\*

### **Luke 24**

*(Please see insert.)*

## SERMON

### **The Road to Emmaus**

*Rev. David Rea*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S TABLE

All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

A word to parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN\*

Lift High the Cross | No. 263
Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

CRUCIFER

Chorus: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Chorus

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. Chorus

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
Creation's praises rise before thy throne. Chorus

BENEDICTION\*

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you all now and forever.

Musicians:
Brady Carlson, trumpet
Luke Hamilton, trumpet
Heather Test, horn
Simon Willats, trombone
Luis Moreno, tuba

Table with 4 columns: Name, Title, Phone Number, and Email Address. Lists staff members including David Rea, Chris Bennett, Nate Libby, Alyson Averitt, Kristi Breed, Allyson Crow, Dorothy Edwards, Jonathan Smith, Jill Smith, and Dave Clelland.



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## Luke 24.1-27

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

<sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

**.Luke 24.28-49 (cont.)**

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."