

*Welcome to*  
**PALMA CEIA**  
Presbyterian Church



*Traditional Service*

Sunday, April 20, 2025 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*Easter Sunday*

**Preparation for Worship:** We are grateful God has called you to worship with us this morning. Today is Easter Sunday, the Sunday each year when the church especially remembers and celebrates the Gospel's account of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the scriptures, liturgy, music, prayers, and proclamation, the entire worship service seeks to interpret this good news.

This morning the prelude begins earlier and is extended as many people arrive early for worship on Easter Sunday. We ask that you allow the music to help you prepare your hearts and minds for worship in silent meditation, and also take the opportunity to silence cell phones.

**Prelude:** "Adoration"

Borowski

"Festive Trumpet Tune" German Spring

Vivaldi

## **Chiming of the Hour**

**Introit Processional:** "Christ Our Passover Is Sacrificed For Us"

Macfarlane

(Based on Corinthians 15:55-57, Isaiah 25:8-9)

**Call to Worship:** *(based on I Corinthians 15:55-57, Isaiah 25:8-9)*

L: He is risen!

**P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

L: O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

**P: Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

L: The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces.

**All: This the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

## **Invocation**

**Hymn #123:** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Easter Hymn

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!*

*Who did once up on the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!*

*Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!*

*But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!*

*Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!*

*Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!*

## **Welcome**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Proclamation:** Luke 24:1-12

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this 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 got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.



**Scripture:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-19

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**P: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

L: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**P: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.**

L: The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord has done mighty things.

**P: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

L: The Lord has taught me many hard lessons, but he did not give me over to death.

**P: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

L: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**P: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**P: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Response to the Word:** “The Trumpet Shall Sound” from *The Messiah*

Handel

**Children’s Message:** The congregation welcomes the children to come forward today by singing “Alleluia, Alleluia.” Verse 1 as the children come forward, verse 2 as the children depart.

Following the Children’s Message, children Pre-K3-1<sup>st</sup> grade may be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the Godly Play room. Children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary. There is also a staffed nursery on the first floor of Eastminster.

*Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

*vs. 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.*

*Refrain*

*vs. 2 Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.*

*Refrain*

**Prayer of Dedication and Offering**

**Offertory:** “Awake the Trumpet’s Lofty Sound” from *Samson*

Handel

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**Sermon:** “Witnessing Astonishment”

Rev. John T. DeBevoise

**Preparation for Prayer:** “He is Risen”

Englert

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

“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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.” Amen.

**A Responsive Scriptural Declaration of Faith:** (Based on Acts 10:36-42)

L: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power;

**P: Jesus Christ is Lord!**

L: Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem, and he was put to death by hanging him on a tree.

**P: But God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people, but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.**

L: He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. Christ is risen!

**P: He is risen indeed!**

L: Alleluia!

**P: Alleluia, Amen!**

**Hymn #104:** “Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!” (Verses 1 & 2) Beethoven, “Ode To Joy”

(During the singing of the last verse of the hymn, members of the congregation are warmly invited to come forward and join the choir for the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Extra copies of the music will be distributed as you arrive at the communion table. You may also join in singing the chorus from the pews.)

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!*

*Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.*

*In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.*

*Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.*

*Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.*

*Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.*

*Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

**Charge and Benediction:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Choral Response:** “Hallelujah” from *The Messiah* Handel

**Postlude:** “Hornpipe” from *Water Music* Handel

*The Easter Lilies in the courtyard are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Beverly Farrior by Dr. Jay and Christie Farrior & family.*

**Participating in Today’s Services:** Reverends John T. DeBevoise, John Reiter, and Ken Hubbell;

**Scripture Readers:** Reid Virostek (8:30 AM), Hunter Platts (11 AM); Allison Kelly and Anna Shuford, Ministry to Children and Families; Susan Peacock, Chief Usher; Bert Chamorro, Beadle; Beth DeBevoise, Jackson Fowler, Scott Wilson - Livestreamers

**Music:** **Music Director:** Nancy Callahan, The Chancel Choir; **Bass Soloist:** Todd Donovan; **Violin:** Sarah Shellman, Kinda Hall; **Viola:** Alda Hilsinger; **Cello:** Jim Connors; **Trumpets:** Rob Smith, Eric Larson, Perry Landmeyer; **Timpani:** John Shaw

**Processional Participants:** Andrew Armstrong, Thomas Armstrong, Emma Bartos, Charlie Ketchey, Stella Ketchey, Charlie Linhart, Noah Bartos, Katie Linhart

*Front cover photo: A 1<sup>st</sup> century empty tomb as seen in Jerusalem in 2019. (Photo by Scott Wilson)*



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