



Morning Worship
9:30 AM
May 5, 2024
Easter 6

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: CHRIST IS RISEN!

People: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH!

Welcome to worship with Covenant Presbyterian Church, whether you are joining us on Zoom or YouTube this morning, and from wherever in the world you are joining us—including here in person. We welcome you to this service!

PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

— Rabindranath Tagore

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

People: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

Leader: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

People: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

Leader: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

People: young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched lift the new, new songs of faith.

✦HYMN

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

✦ **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Leader: Beautiful music, every note perfect, joining together in graceful harmony - this is what we imagine our lives to be. Yet our love is flat, our anger often sharp. Let us confess how we struggle to keep the measured beat of God's life-giving melody in our lives, even as we pray together saying,

✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

Joy-giving God, we know who we are: people who hear the harmony of your grace and love in our souls, but sing off-key so often. We want to learn new songs, but those haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our heads. We long to make a joyful noise to you, but the hurts inflicted on us, and the pain we have caused others, silence our voices.

Sing to us, Conductor of Grace: sing of your forgiveness, your hope, your love for us. Strike a chord of humility in our hearts so our eyes could see all you have done for us; and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us; and in believing, we would echo that new song of hope and life composed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

✦ **TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

✦ **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Leader: Listen to the melody of the good news: Christ is risen, bringing joy into the world. The One who was dead now lives, and wraps us in the delight of life forever with our God.

People: Now, our dirges have turned to joy; our requiem has been rearranged as a hymn of hope; our laments are lost in a cantata of praise. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

✦ **RESPONSE OF JOY #447**

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: God of Hosts, as your angels rolled away the stone from Christ's tomb, let them also roll away the stones from our hearts, that your Word might rise again in each of our hearts and call us out to meet you in the world around us.

People: Amen

SCRIPTURE READING (CEB)**John 15:9-17**

“As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don’t call you servants any longer, because servants don’t know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. You didn’t choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

MUSICAL OFFERING*I Come From God**Jeff Jolly***MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN**

Vanna Ortiz

*(Children K-5 are then invited to accompany the leader to Children’s Chapel)***SERMON***“Complete Joy”*

Seth Finch

JOYS AND CONCERNS** *(A Silence)***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****Christine Lawson****THE LORD’S PRAYER** (‘Human Rites’ by Ward and Wild)

"Beloved, our Father and Mother, in whom is heaven, hallowed be your name, followed be your royal way, done be your will and rule, throughout the whole creation. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, Strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, Now and forever. Amen."

OFFERING**✠RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #246 v. 5**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,**

till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Maestro of the Universe:...God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

⌘ HYMN

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

John Rutter

God Be In My Head

Adult Choir

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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