

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...  
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:30 AM

Third Sunday of Easter

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GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

*"There is hope when someone can bear witness to the truth, and the disciples are sent to bear witness to the best truth of all: Christ is risen, forgiveness is offered, hope is everywhere."*

Rev. Dr. Tom Long, Connections, Year B

PRELUDE

*"Prelude in e minor"*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The bread of life opens our eyes.

**The word of life opens our ears.**

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

**And by those wounds we are healed.**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*HYMN NO. 209 verses 1, 2, and 5

*"My Song Is Love Unknown"*

LOVE UNKNOWN

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, our plea for forgiveness has been heard. God's promises are sure: our sins are forgiven. Peace be with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

*"Glory Be to the Father"* 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.

## \*WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord and Savior be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Please pass the peace by welcoming one another today.

## HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN'S PRAYER RESPONSE *"The Lord is Risen"* Taize  
The Lord is risen, alleluia!  
Sing out and praise the Lord!

MINUTE FOR MISSION *"Contemporary Night of Worship"*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 3:12-19 Page 113, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"* Criag Courtney

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:36b-48 Page 85, NT

SERMON *"So, What Now? Lessons of the Early Church: Proclaiming Easter Every Day"*  
Rev. Chris Houtz

\*HYMN NO. 727 *"Will you Let Me Be Your Servant"* The Servant Song

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end by saying, “hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**”

## 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.**

## THANKSGIVING

### INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERING

### RESPONSE TO OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY                      *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*                      OLD HUNDREDTH  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus’ love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit’s wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN NO. 248                      *“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”*                      HYMN TO JOY

### \*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE      *Jubilate Coeli “Heavens Sing With Gladness”*                      Taize

POSTLUDE                              *“Hymn to Joy”*                              arr. Dean Bye

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*\* Please rise in body or in spirit*

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Chris Houtz, Pastor, Head of Staff  
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music  
FPC Chancel Choir  
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer  
Dennis Velez, Assistant AV Engineer  
Matthew Califf & Michael Sperrazza, AV Team

✝ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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