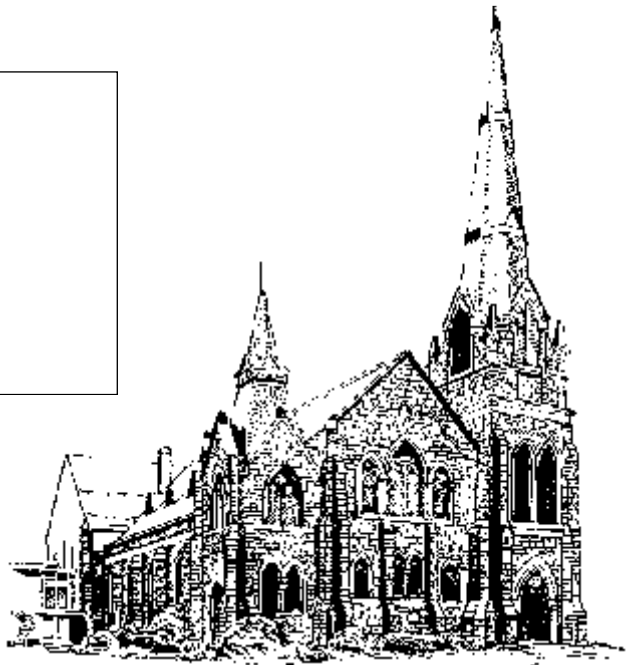


THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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

**Sunday, April 16, 2023  
9:30 am  
Second Sunday of Easter**

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REFLECTION

*"God simply keeps reaching down into the dirt of humanity and resurrecting us from the graves we dig for ourselves through our violence, our lies, our selfishness, our arrogance, and our addictions. And God keeps loving us back to life over and over."*

*-Rev. Nadia Bolz Weber*

PRELUDE

*"Sonata dem Die Bankelandgerlieder"*

Daniel Speer 1636-1707

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the tomb's shadow we wondered  
**what might our futures hold?**

Once we heard the news, at times we wondered  
**could it really be true?**

In the uncertainty of the tomb-times of our existence we wonder  
**is there life beyond these constraints?**

When we hear the story of Jesus we wonder  
**is new life possible for me?**

Then the voice of the Lord reminds us,

**You too can emerge to renewed life.**

Again and again.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 233

*“The Day of Resurrection!”*

LANCASHIRE

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

#### PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION

Source of our refuge and strength, as we enter your sanctuary you guide the way our footsteps should go. You protect us from paths that often imperil us; you shield us from situations we should not pursue. As we pause to ponder your bountiful goodness, may your comforting presence precede us this day. Hear our words of praise and thanksgiving as we respond to your counsel and care.

By God’s great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through Christ’s resurrection from the dead.

**This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.**

We have an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

**This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.**

By God’s power we are guarded through faith for a salvation to be revealed in the last time.

**This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.**

The trials you may suffer are so that your faith may prove itself worthy of all praise, glory, and honor when Christ is revealed.

**This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.**

As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

**This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses. Amen.**

RESPONSE

“Behold, I Make All Things New”

Iona Community

Behold, behold. I make all things new

Beginning with you

And starting from today.

Behold, behold. I make all things new

My promise is true.

For I am Christ the Lord

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Prayer Chain

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:36-41

Page 112, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Quintet No. 1, Moderato"*

Victor Ewald 1860-1935

SECOND LESSON

John 20:19-31

Page 108, NT

SERMON

*"Emerge Into New Life:  
Emerging from Shock"*

Rev. William Schram

\*HYMN NO. 286

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

TRENTHAM

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love, what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### 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.**

## EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

### INVITATION TO GIVING

\*HYMN NO. 246

*"Christ Is Alive"*

TRURO

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to us to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

\*BENEDICTION

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\* Please rise in body or spirit

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram  
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music  
Members of Chancel Choir  
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer  
Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team  
Alan Smulen, Cantor & Piano

**BBQ Brass**

Ashley Martin, Trumpet  
Manny Reyes, Trumpet  
Shelden Senek, Horn  
Paul Ferrera, Trombone  
JT Adinolfi, Tuba

The flowers this morning  
are given to the glory of God....

In memory of Doris and David Dusinberre by, Jack, Susan, Bob, Lorraine & Diane

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

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