



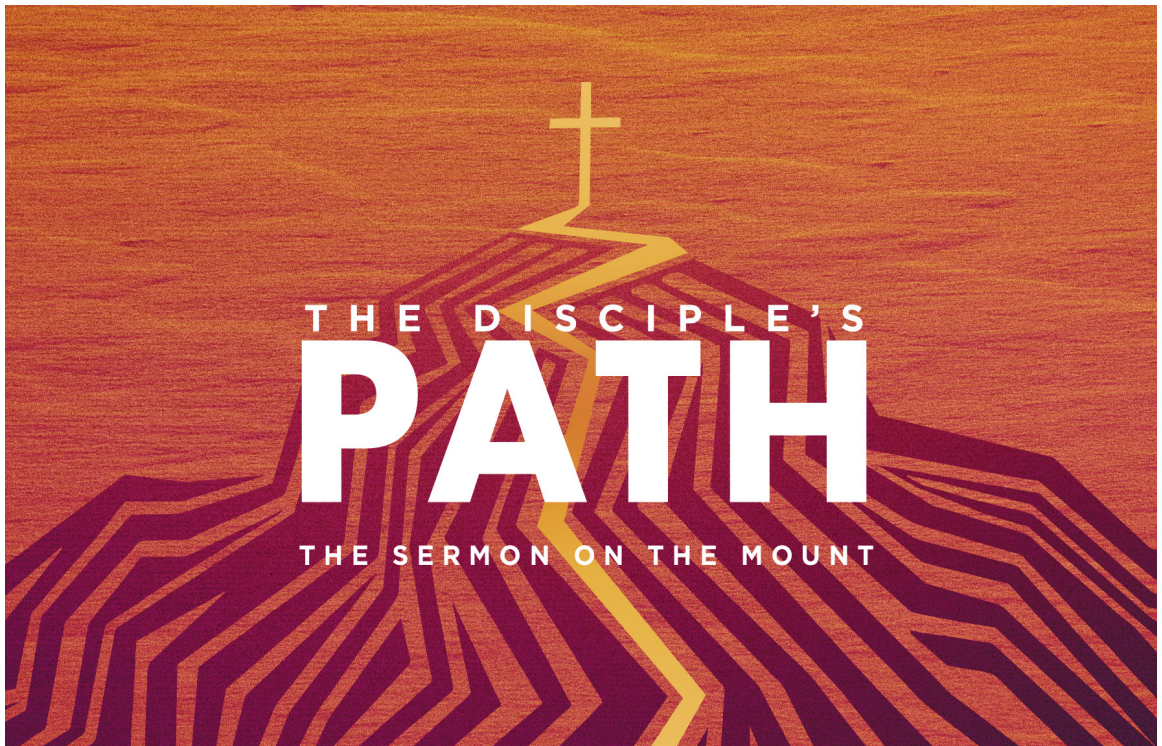
CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

April 18, 2021

9 & 10:45am

3rd Sunday of Easter



Amplification devices are available from ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Cole Lescher

Themes and Keywords: transformation, righteousness, pure, mercy, peace

PRELUDE

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Chris Sasse, *violin*; Suzanne Harlamert, *cello*;
Carl Sasse, *guitar*

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STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 1:6

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who is the resurrection and the firstborn from the dead.

To Jesus who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood
and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Let us worship God through Jesus Christ the risen King!

WE PRAISE GOD

All Creatures of Our God and King

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225; para. William H. Draper
Tune: *Auserlesen Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*,
Cologne, 1623



1. All crea- tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -
3. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
4. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless and wor - ship Him in hum - ble -



sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en
long O praise Him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re -
part. O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
ness. O praise Him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise Him, O
 joyce! Ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice!
 bear praise God and cast on Him your care.
 Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one!

praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for him.

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GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SIN

from Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Lord Jesus, you taught us that in your kingdom,

“Blessed are the poor in spirit.”

But we have been rich in pride.

“Blessed are those who mourn.”

But we have known too little sorrow for our sin.

“Blessed are the meek.”

But we are rebellious by nature.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.”

But we have too little longing for your true goodness.

“Blessed are the merciful.”

But we have been harsh and impatient.

“Blessed are the pure in heart.”

But we have impure hearts.

“Blessed are the peacemakers.”

But we have been reluctant to reconcile.

Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, in your mercy transform us by your Holy Spirit, so that we hunger for your righteousness and seek first your kingdom by walking in the purity and peace of Christ.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS

from Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God’s gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah, Amen!

WE PRAISE GOD

Children ages 3 - 1st grade attending the 10:45 service are invited to Children's Church during the song and will return during the offering.

All I Have Is Christ

Text and Tune: Jordan Kauflin
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1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that pro-mised joy and
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - diff-'rent to the cost, you looked u - pon my help-less
3. Now, Lord I would be yours a - lone and live so all might see the strength to fol - low your com
life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would own a re - bel
state and led me to the cross. And I be - held God's love dis-played: you suf-fered
mands could ne-ver come from me. O Fa-ther, use my ran-somed life in a - ny
to your will. And if you had not loved me first, I would re - fuse you still. (to verse 2)
in my place. You bore the wrath re-served for me; now all I know is grace! (to chorus)
way you choose and let my song for - ev - er be: my on - ly boast is you. (to chorus)

chorus
Hal-le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal-le - lu - jah! Je-sus is my life.

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GOD INSTRUCTS US IN SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-10

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN PREACHING

“A Disciple’s Character”

Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

Sermon Notes:

WE OFFER OURSELVES IN GIFTS AND SONG

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or visit www.centralpres.com/give.*

Be Thou My Vision

Text: trans. Mary E. Byrne; vers. Eleanor H. Hull
Tune: SLANE; Traditional Irish melody

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all
2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word; I ev - er
3. Be Thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be Thou my in -
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, Thou mine in -
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, May I reach

else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by
with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Fa - ther,
dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light, Thou my soul's shel - ter,
her - i - tance, now and al - ways: Thou and Thou on - ly,
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, Wa - king or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
I Thy true son, Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
Thou my high tow'r: raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
first in my heart, High king of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
ev - er be - fall, Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

(prayers for the church and the world)

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.

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GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Is your child interested in receiving communion for the first time? We'd like to help with that process. Contact Karen Brown (kbrown@centralpres.com) for more information or to get started!

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

And all God's people said...
Hallelujah! Amen.

Easter Doxology: He Is Risen

Text: Eric Schumacher, 2004
Tune: *Auserlesen Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623

O! Let the na - tions sing the fame of Christ the Lamb who once was
slain! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Now we a - wait the com - ing day when
all those raised in Christ will say, "Give him glo - ry! Give him
glo - ry! He is ris - en! He is ris - en! A - le - lu - ia!"

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

J. H. Fiocco

Musicians: Matthew Mazzone (director) *organ and piano*; Carl Sasse, *guitar*;
Romondo Davis, *bass*; Chris Sasse, *violin*; Suzanne Harlamert, *cello*; Naima Wartts, *vocals*

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