

Lakeshore Presbyterian Church

April 16, 2023

Pastor Bre Ryan, presiding

When you see **bold print**, the congregation is invited to join in.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

One: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.

All: *The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

One: The LORD is just in all ways and kind in all doings.

All: *Great is the LORD and greatly to be praise*

HYMN "Great Is The Lord"

Great is the Lord
He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord
And worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord!
Great is the Lord!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are Great, Almighty God! We confess that we fail to proclaim your greatness in our words and actions. In things we have done, and things we have left undone, we have sinned against you. We want to do what is faithful and good, but we confess that fear and doubt often get in the way. Merciful God, increase our faithfulness. By your Spirit, help us to boldly proclaim "Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!" In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON "Seeing and Believing"

HYMN "Christ Is Alive" #108

**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 Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,**

**But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.**

**4 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.**

**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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O LORD"

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Incline Thine ear to us
And grant us Thy peace

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” #113

1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Jesus Loves Me” #304 v1

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

FELLOWSHIP