



Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Appearance of Christ, Ivanka Demchuk

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Improvisation

Mason Copeland
Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringling of the Bell

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshiping God.



Call to Worship

Rev. Kate Culver

BASED ON PSALM 133:1-3, JOHN 20:21-22

Peace be with you.

**How good and pleasant it is
when we live together in unity.**

Receive the Holy Spirit.

**It is like precious oil on the head,
the blessing of the Lord.**



Hymn 245

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

LLANFAIR



Call to Confession



Prayer of Confession

**You have shown yourself to us, O God,
by Word and Spirit,
with signs and wonders,
in flesh and blood,
yet we still struggle to live and believe
the good news of Jesus Christ.**

(Silent Confession)

Amen.



Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!



Passing of the Peace



Hymn Response 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

Stanza 2

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.**

During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.



When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.
Please silence your cellphones.

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Susan Landrum

Prayer for Illumination

John Blake

First Lesson

Psalm 133

Second Lesson

John 20:19-31

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word



Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK



Affirmation of Faith

Courtney Anne Henry

THE APOSTLES' CREED TRADITIONAL

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, died, and was buried; he descended to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into to heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah
Mason Copeland, piano; Elizabeth Daly, soloist

G.F. Handel



At the Presentation

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!**



Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

**Beloved parent who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

Menuet from Suite Gothique

Leon Boellmann

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: John Blake
Tower Bell Ringer: Ed Carwile
Dean Hammond,
Volunteer Technology Director

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Kevin Byers
Tricia Downing
Martha Kimes
Em McNair
Annastassia Pons
Isabelle Werber

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Pianist, Bethlehem & Jerusalem Choir
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