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**Breath Prayer:**  
*INHALE: Risen One EXHALE: live in me.*

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*Christ Appearing to Mary* by Edward Middleton Manigault,  
From *Art in the Christian Tradition* of Vanderbilt University

Resurrection of the Lord  
April 5, 2026, 11:00 AM Worship

### **WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Words in **BOLD** indicate the congregation reading together. Words of the worship leader are in PLAIN type. An asterisk \* indicates that the congregation may stand, as able.

Prelude

**Carillon for a Joyous Day**  
CPC Bell Choir

*by Judy Hunnicutt*

**\*Opening Sentences and Welcome**

One: Yesterday we thought death had won.  
Yesterday we thought all was lost.  
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

**All: But not today.  
Today we know that love has won.  
Today we know that hope is real.  
Today we know that Christ is here.**

One: We have a reason to hope.

**All: We have a reason to sing!**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed!**

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One: Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia!**

**\*Presbyterian Hymnal 118**

**The Day of Resurrection!**

**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.**

**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 for the Day**

**God of endless life, in the light of this new day, we see the dawning of your new creation. Give us wonder and delight to enjoy this day that you have made; to tend to this world that you have touched with your grace; to celebrate your hope which you have made new, through Jesus Christ our living Lord. Amen.**

**Sing Praise PH 123**

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today *vv 1, 4***

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

## The Peace of Christ

One: Christ is our peace, the neverending, abiding, enduring peace we now share with each other, for Christ is alive and Lord of all. May the peace of our risen Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Those in the sanctuary are invited to greet those around you.*

*Those on zoom are invited to offer greetings in the chat.*

## Offering our Gifts to God

*For those who would like to make a physical offering, the offering plates are available in the middle of the sanctuary.*

*Donations can also be made online. [www.cliftonpc.org](http://www.cliftonpc.org)*

One: God has given us life in the resurrection of Christ. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor in Christ's service.

## Musical Offertory

**Palms**  
CPC Bell Choir

*by Thomas Dorsey*

## Prayer of Dedication

One: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offerings of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.**

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

Prayer for Illumination      Come and Fill Our Hearts (sung three times)

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.**

**You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.**

**Alleluia!**

## First Reading Isaiah 43:1-3 (NRSVUE)

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

One: God be in our listening, God be in our understanding.

**All: Amen.**

Anthem

**The Resurrection and The Life** *by Lloyd Larson*  
CPC Choir

**Second Reading John 20:1-18 (CEB)**

<sup>1</sup> Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they’ve put him.” <sup>3</sup> Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. <sup>4</sup> They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. <sup>5</sup> Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn’t go in. <sup>6</sup> Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. <sup>7</sup> He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus’ head. It wasn’t with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> They didn’t yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. <sup>11</sup> Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. <sup>13</sup> The angels asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” She replied, “They have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put him.” <sup>14</sup> As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means *Teacher*). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, ‘I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.

One: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Called by Name

*Diane Walton Hendricks*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Communion Anthem

**I Want Jesus to Walk With Me** *arr. John Carter*

John Kim & Hannah Harris

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

**One:** Christ is risen!

**All:** Christ is risen, indeed

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right... As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All:** 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.

### Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

#### Presbyterian Hymnal 113 Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

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

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

### Prayer After Communion

## **WE ARE SENT TO THE WORLD**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**My Lord, What a Mornin'**  
CPC Choir

*arr. Adam Podd*

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.  
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