



## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

### Our Gathered Order of Service

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**Imagine** —“He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise” (Luke 24:6-7).

### *I. Rediscover God's Glory*

**Call to Worship**— based on 1 Corinthians 15

*Jesus is risen!*

**He is risen indeed!**

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

*Thanks be to God!*

**God gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

*Jesus tells us, “Fear not*

**I am the first and the last, and the living one.**

*I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. He is risen!*

**Jesus is risen indeed!**

*Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.*

### *II. Rediscover God's Grace*

He is risen. Jesus is risen indeed. Today, we remember Jesus' resurrection, yet, we more than that. For, we know His death has power to forgive *today* as much as in times past, for Jesus, now, lives and reigns at the Father's right hand. We are a confessing people because we know God forgives sins, for Jesus is alive, our great High Priest, who lives forever, so let us draw near, confessing our sins, with a true heart in full assurance of faith, so our broken souls will find forgiveness and our hearts sprinkled clean.

*Bow your heads, take the time to offer your own confession of sins*

*The Word assures us of God's forgiveness*

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:27-28).

### *III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word*

**OT Reading** — Isaiah 42:1-9

**NT Reading** — Philippians 3:1-17 (our sermon text this morning)

*The Word of the Lord . . . **Everyone:** Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon: Our Gathered Church is the Proof (of the Resurrection)**

### *VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence*

**Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father**

**Our profession of our faith together**

*Church, because Jesus was raised from the dead, what are we encouraged to do?*

Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we are to “be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord our labor is not in vain” [adapted from 1 Cor 15:58].

**Affirming Christ's Presence as we share the Lord's Supper**

### *V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy*

**A Prayer and the Words of Benediction**

“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things (Luke 24:46<sup>b</sup>-48).

**And God's people of promise said: **Amen!****

**OT Reading—Isaiah 42:1-9**

Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.  
By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?  
And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.  
Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.  
Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**NT Reading—Philippians 3:1-17:** Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained. Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

**Reader: The Word of the Lord // The people: *Thanks be to God***

**Announcements**

- ➔ **Apr 6<sup>th</sup>** — Bonfire, Bible Study, & Chili, 7pm-8pm, back of our apartment @ 122 Carlisle Street: Digging a Little Deeper About Jesus.
- ➔ **Apr 7<sup>th</sup>** — **Online (Zoom)** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 7:00pm: Zoom Meeting ID: 843 6693 1861; Passcode: 661614
- ➔ **Apr 10<sup>th</sup>** — Children's Read Aloud at 14 Steven's Street, 1:00pm–3:00pm @ Maxine's home. A time for our neighborhood children to listen to a book read aloud together.
- ➔ **Apr 10<sup>th</sup>** — Come join us for the Sidewalk Breakfast (10am) & Sidewalk Church Service (10:15) at 122 Carlisle Street, New Haven, CT.
- ➔ **Apr 11<sup>th</sup>** — *Come join us for next Sunday's service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*