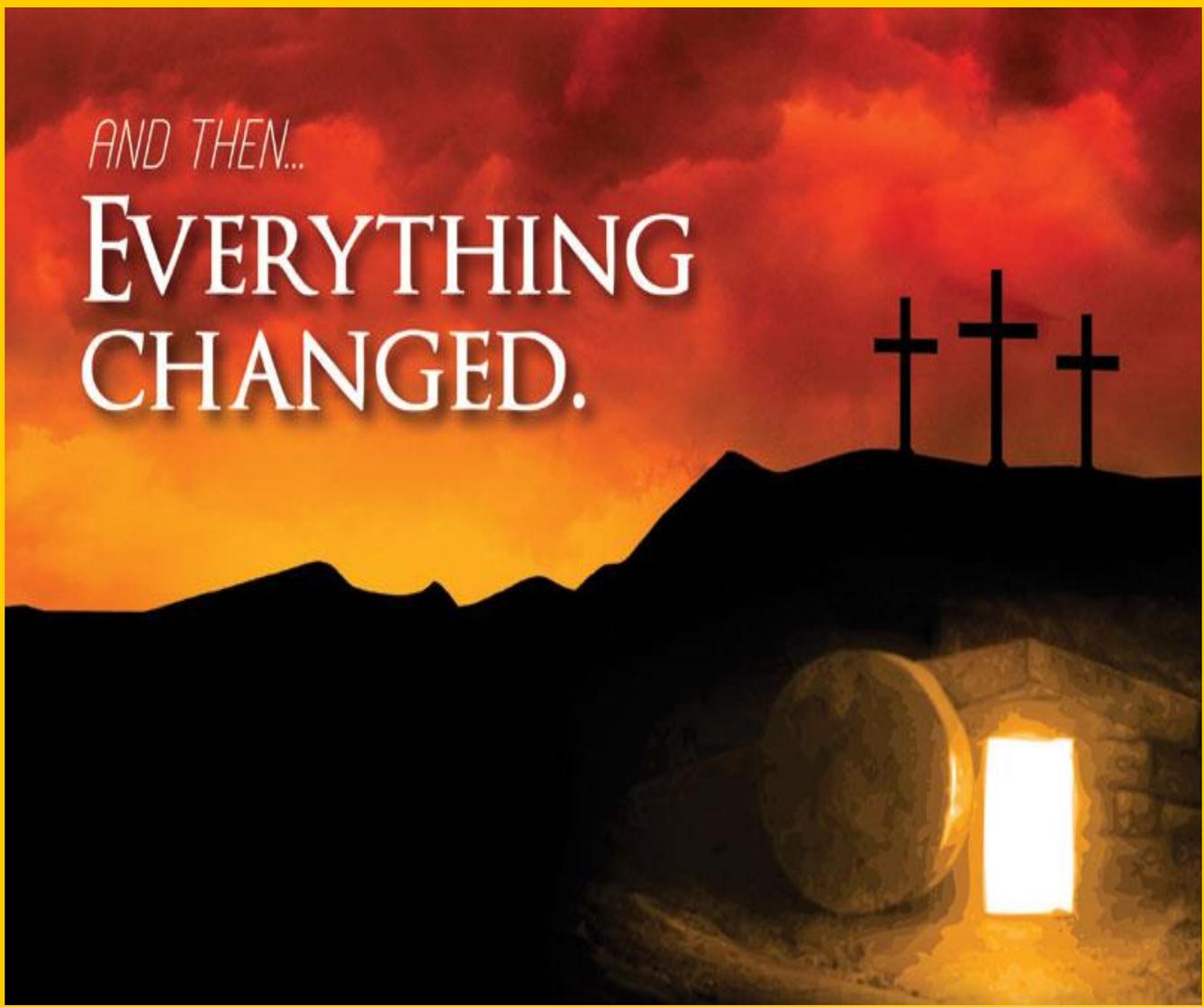


AND THEN...
**EVERYTHING
CHANGED.**



New Covenant Presbyterian Church
April 17, 2022 **10:00am Service**



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The Worship of God

April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

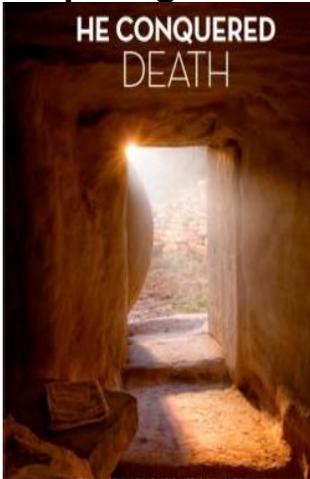
Lay Leader: Donna Casey

Sharing Our Vision

Bells

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude ...



O God, we have difficulty understanding your plan, and the need for Christ to pass through the gates of death. And yet, today we rejoice that our Lord has conquered death, and has entered this resurrection day by passing through the gates of life. Now, triumphant through Christ, you open these marvelous gates even to us – who are among those who nailed the Messiah, your Son, to the cross. O let the gates swing wide, that all might enter with thanksgiving, for in your city we shall behold no temple but you, and no shrine but Christ. May we walk in his light and come into your presence with songs of praise this and every day. In the name of the our Lord we pray. Amen.

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

Lay Leader: Donna Casey

- L:** From a world that confuses punishment with justice, and idle tales with truth,
P: ***We come to worship the God who turns crosses into crowns.***
L: With hearts that long for the victory of life, but fear the triumph of death,
P: ***We come to worship the God who turns those who are vanquished into victors.***
A: ***Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Hymn # 123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

***1-Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
 Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
 Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
 Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!***

***3-But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
 Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
 Now above the sky he's King. Alleluia!
 Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!***

**2-Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**4-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!**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are here today to celebrate. You have defeated sin, and conquered death through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. We recognize that it is due to our sin, that you gave your Son as a sacrifice for us. We know that without his death on the cross, we would have no life. Thank you, loving God, for giving us hope and eternal life. We can't imagine what it was like to watch your only Son die, but we know that you willingly endured it, because of your great love for US. We are full of gratitude, and a desire to worship you in all that we do. Jesus – the Christ – our Lord and Savior – is risen! Thanks be to our God who loves us! May our lives reflect your great love and mercy! And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the Good News: Who is in a position to condemn?

P: **Only Christ, who died for us, and now is risen.**

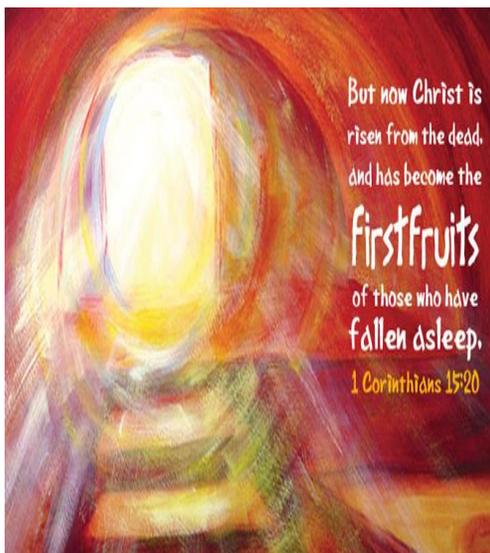
L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel –

P: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message/Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson / *1 Corinthians 15: 19-26* **Christ-the First Fruits** Lay Leader: Donna Casey



If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P:** **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music*On the Third Day**The Choir***Second Lesson***Matthew 28: 1-10**The Resurrection of Jesus**Carol*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon*Resurrection – Not Rescue!*

Responding to the Word

Hymn # 122*Thine Is the Glory*

**1-Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay. R**

**Refrain: Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory,
Thou o'er death hast won.**

**2-Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. R**



**3-No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. R**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus: *I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime, I don't know what to do, I cast all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

+*Prayer of Dedication: Loving God, thank you for counting us as your family – for loving us enough to sacrifice your Son for us. May our lives reflect the gratitude with which we regard you and our commitments to live as your faithful disciples. Amen.*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation and Prayer of Consecration

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving



Going Out to Serve

Hymn # 118

The Day of Resurrection

***1-The day of resurrection!
Earth tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.***

***2-Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright.
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.***



***3-Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our joy that hath no end.***

Blessing

L: Jesus Christ is ALIVE!

P: *Let us go and celebrate!*

L: Can those who “read” YOUR life know the reason for your celebration, and the One to whom you witness with your words and actions?

P: *Yes, we hope and pray that is the case, and we will witness to the power of the resurrection and live as Easter people in a Good Friday world, knowing that God always goes with us.*

L: May your hearts and minds be full of joy, as we spread this Good News! And now may the blessings of God Almighty...

Response

*He is Lord – He is Lord,. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

