

Established 1851
Madison, Wisconsin

April 29, 2018
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am Classical Worship

Welcome to Worship!

Here in this place, the faithful find salvation, and the careless are awakened.
Here, the doubting find faith, and the anxious are encouraged. Here, the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful find comfort. The weary find rest, and the strong are renewed.

Here, the aged find consolation, and the young are inspired.
May God bless this church and inspire our worship together today!

~adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 2018

Pre-Service Musical Offering

On his final Sunday with us, we offer sincere thanks to guest organist Robert Haigler for sharing his time and many musical talents with the Christ Presbyterian Church family and friends during John Rafoth's absence. Robert's joy in music-making — whether at the organ, the piano, or accompanying the choir — has been a great blessing, and we look forward to a time when he might return to us.

May the peace of Christ and God's blessing go with you, Robert!

Two Excerpts from "Our Town Suite for Piano"	Aaron Copland
There Is a Fountain	Brad Nix
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (O Waly, Waly)	Dan Forrest
Nearer My God to Thee	Dan Forrest
Sweet Hour of Prayer	Joel Raney
Wondrous Love	Michael Mauldin

The arrangement of "Wondrous Love" was written for Robert Haigler and was premiered at the Furman Singers Reunion Concert in August, 2013.

***A Community Centered in Christ:
gathering in love, growing by grace, going forth to serve.***

We Gather in Love

The Introit O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song David Ashley White

O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things.
The Lord declared his salvation. He hath remembered his mercy
and truth toward the house of Israel;
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!

Please stand for

The Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

He has raised Jesus from the dead, giving us new life and hope.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Remain standing to sing

The Hymn of Praise *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Hymnal No. 256
(Salzburg)

The Prayer of the Day

The Gloria Patri

Hymnal No. 579

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.**

You may be seated.

The Prayer of Confession

**God of life, you have adopted us as your own through Jesus Christ,
yet we seek our lives apart from you, as if a branch cut off from its roots
could survive, much less bear fruit. We claim for ourselves the name
of Christ but live as if we belong to another. We treat your favor like
a trophy-- a sign of our deserving instead of your grace. We ask,
even now, for your forgiveness, but withhold this same grace from
others. Have mercy on us, O God! Apart from you, we can do nothing.
Help us to live in Christ's risen power and presence, that together we
would bear fruit for your rule and your name would be glorified. Amen.**

Our Silent Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Welcome –
We're glad YOU
are worshipping with
us today!*

Thank you for silencing
cell phones and other
electronic devices
before worship!



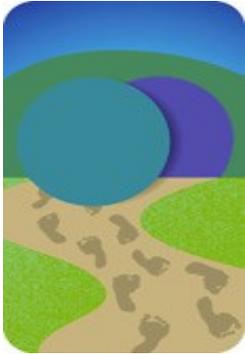
A Hearing Loop
Is installed
and available.
Switch your hearing aid
to "T-Cell".
Please ask an Usher
if you need assistance.

Congregational spoken
responses appear
in **bold type**.

Hymns and sung
responses will be found in
the **BLUE HYMNAL**
under the seat
in front of you.

Large Print Bulletins,
Hymnals and Bibles are
available. Ask an Usher.

*Please join us –
after Worship today
for coffee
and fellowship
in the Gathering Hall,
outside of the Sanctuary.
Whether you are
a long-time member or
a visitor, we'd like to
get to know you!*



Easter tide

... Is the period of fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, and up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday. This year, Pentecost Sunday falls on May 20.

Please stand for
The Response of Praise *Alleluia, Give Thanks*
Join in singing verses 2 and 4 as you feel able.

Hymnal No. 106

Sharing the Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
You may be seated.

Hymnal No. 592

*Children ages 3-10 are excused at this time for Children's Chapel,
in the Sunday School classrooms downstairs.*

We Grow by Grace

News of the Church

The First Scripture Reading Psalm 22:25-31

Pew Bible, page 435

The Second Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40

Pew Bible, page 892

The Sermon

There's a Wideness

The Invitation for Giving

The Offertory Fanfare on "O Zion, Haste!" James Walch, arr. Bob Burroughs
The Celebration Ringers Handbells

*The hymn "O Zion, Haste" appears in some 50 different hymnals, though
not in our current PCH. Here are the words of the first stanza
of this well-loved hymn :*

*O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is Light;
that He who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.*

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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We Go Forth to Serve

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (*sidebar*)

Please stand to sing

The Sending Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Hymnal No. 298
(In Babilone)

The Benediction

The Choral Benediction *Amen, Amen!*

African-American Spiritual

The Organ Postlude *Postlude on an Original Antiphon*

Christopher Uehlein

Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dale Chapin, Preacher

Rich Henderson, Liturgist Jane Coleman, Reader

Kathleen Otterson, Music Director Robert Haigler, Organist

The Chancel Choir

The Celebration Ringers — John Bohman, Director

Greeters: Arlene Linn, Ruth Strong

Ushers: Carol Koehler, Lead; Joe Hudson

Chris Drewes, Tina and Jim Fredrickson

Sound Technician: Bryan Yates

Next Sunday, May 6 —
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Pastor Dale Chapin preaching
Scripture: Acts 10:44-48

Organ Pre-Service at 8:30 am!

John Rafoth returns from his winter sabbatical and will play the "Epilogue" of Norman Gilbert, a Prelude and Fugue by Johannes Brahms, the "Andante" from the Concerto for Trumpet by Franz Joseph Haydn, and Bach's Toccat, Adagia, and Fugue in C Major (BWV 564)

Brothers and Sisters, keep alert and stand firm in the faith. Be courageous and strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Strengthen the faint of heart, support those who are weak, and have patience with everyone.

~ 1 Corinthians 16:13-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:14