

# **Sunday, April 14, 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter**

## ***Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church***

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;  
**our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.**

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
**when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.  
**Blessing and honor and glory to God!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God,  
through your only Son you overcame death  
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.  
Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,  
may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,  
arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**                    ***Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life***                    **PH 408**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Almighty God,  
in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.  
We overlook the poor and the hungry,  
and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,  
and indifferent to calls for peace;  
we despise the weak,  
and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.  
 Help us to trust your power  
 to change our lives and make us new,  
 that we may know the joy of life abundant  
 given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Therefore, let us say together the good news of the gospel:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**RESPONSE:**

*Gloria Patri*

**PH 579**

### **IMAGINATION TIME**

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Living God, with joy we celebrate  
 the presence of your risen Word.  
 Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit  
 so that we may proclaim the good news  
 of eternal and abundant life;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Balm in Gilead*

**PH 394**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

As we have been loved, we are invited to love. As God  
 has given generously to us, we are invited to give generously  
 to God and to God's church. May our hearts brim  
 with love and generosity for all as we enter this time of  
 offering. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

### **OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PH 592**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Eternal God,  
 we praise you that your glory has dawned on us,  
 and brought us into this Day of Resurrection.  
 We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son,  
 and that he has conquered death,  
 risen to rule over all powers of this earth.  
 We praise you that he summons us into new life,  
 to follow him with joy and gladness.  
 By your Spirit,  
 lift us from doubt and despair,  
 and set our feet in Christ's holy way,  
 that our lives may be signs of his life,  
 and all we have may show forth his love.  
 Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you,  
 our God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

May the steadfast love of the Lord be yours,  
 this day and forever. Alleluia!

### **SENDING HYMN**

***Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!***

**PH 104**

### **CHARGE**

Christ is risen! Do not be afraid.  
 Go and tell this good news to all.

**Thanks be to God.**