



# Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church

## April 28, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How can we know the way of God?

**ALL: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.**

L: Beloved, let us love one another.

**ALL: We love because God first loved us.**

L: This is our new commandment in Christ:

**ALL: As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.**

### PRAY TOGETHER:

**O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### HYMN:

*Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

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### CONFESSION

**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.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Let us say together the good news of the gospel:

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### RESPONSE:

*Gloria Patri*

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### IMAGINATION TIME FOR ALL CHILDREN

Children (and their parents) are invited to hear a special message at the front of the church.

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

**GOSPEL READING:**

Mark 9:33-37

**SERMON** "Building Bridges"

*Rev. James Arter*

**HYMN:** *Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil*

**#750 (GG)**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**



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**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" #592

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

**HYMN:** *The Day of Resurrection*

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**CHARGE**

L: Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** We hope that you will experience the love of God with us today! We welcome children to our worship service and have a special **PRAYground** to allow our little worshippers room to quietly move around and keep busy. If you and your little one need privacy to settle or for nursing, there is a rocking chair available through the doors on the left in the front of the sanctuary (in the office) and a nursery is available upstairs. Please see an usher for directions.



**FREE Pot Love Dinners are for you!** A hot, nutritious meal will be available Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Reservations appreciated: 724-845-1901.

Join us today at 3:00 PM for Pastor Jim's Service of Ordination and Installation. There will be a dinner to follow with a freewill offering to support the Leechburg Food Bank's Community P.A.T.H. program.