



Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

ALL: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

L: Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.

ALL: Christ lays down his life for the sheep.

L: The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;

ALL: he will guide us to the water of life.

PRAY TOGETHER:

Messiah, Jesus, your followers established churches in communities near and far. Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what you have given to us. Show us how to witness to your presence in places near and far. Amen.

HYMN: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

#106

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*

#579

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

Reader: Dan Kupas

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

GOSPEL READING:

Mark 13:9-11

SERMON

“The Miracle of Change”

Rev. James Arter

HYMN: *This Little Light of Mine*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Remembering our Lord’s self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

HYMN: *We All Are One in Mission*

#435

CHARGE

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Give online!

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 18th. Reservations appreciated: 724-845-1901.



Please join us
celebrate the installation of

Rev. James Arter

Pastor of Cross Roads
Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday | April 28 | 3 pm
271 Main St. Leechburg

A dinner will follow.
A freewill offering
will be received
to support the
Leechburg Food Bank's
Community PATH
program.

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MONDAY, JUNE 17 - FRIDAY, JUNE 21
8:30am UNTIL 11:30am
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251 MAIN ST. LEECHBURG
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FRIDAY, MAY 10 6-9PM
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"Ignite the Night"
**Youth
Bonfire**



Join us for a night of faith, food, and fun by the fire!