

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, eleven o'clock

Easter

April 4, 2010

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

*Please sign the attendance pads at the end of the pew and turn off cell phones.*

## Easter Greeting:

Leader He is Risen!

People: **He is Risen Indeed!**

## Moment for Mission

Bobbie Carroll

### Gathering in God's Name

## Sounding of the Hour

### Prelude

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

arr.: Marilyn Ham

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and with power.

People: **We are witnesses.**

Leader: Jesus went about doing good and healing people,  
and God was with him.

People: **We are witnesses.**

Leader: They put him to death  
by hanging him on a tree.

People: **We are witnesses.**

Leader: But God raised him on the third day.

People: **We are witnesses.**

Leader: Christ has commanded us  
to share this good news with all the world,  
so that all may believe and have life through him.

ALL: **We are witnesses: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

## \*Hymn of Praise # 113

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

## \*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**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. Amen.**

## \*Assurance of Pardon

## \*Congregational Response #

### Hearing the Word of God

## Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading pg. 565

Psalm 118:1-2,14-20

## Anthem

*"Fanfare for Easter"*

Jane Marsha

## Children's Moments

*\*\*Gateway to Worship*

Fred Duli

Gospel Reading pg. 114

John 20:1-10

## Sermon

**"What Mary Saw"**

Rev. Sharon Amstutz

### Responding to God's Word

## \*Affirmation of Faith

based on 1 Corinth. 15:3-7, Col. 1:15-20

This is the good news that we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:  
**Christ died for our sins, was buried,**  
**was raised on the third day,**  
**and appeared first to the women,**  
**then to Peter and the Twelve,**  
**and then to many faithful witnesses.**  
**We believe Jesus is the Christ,**  
**the Anointed One of God,**  
**the firstborn of all creation,**  
**the firstborn from the dead,**  
**in whom all things hold together,**  
**in whom the fullness of God**  
**was pleased to dwell**  
**by the power of the Spirit.**  
**Christ is the head of the body, the church,**  
**and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

## \*Communion Hymn #107

*"Celebrate With Joy and Singing"*

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table  
Offering  
Offertory  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution  
Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion

## Going Out to Serve

\*Commitment Hymn # 116

*"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"*

\*Benediction

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\*Postlude

*"Sonata No. 3: Allegro"*

by Johann Ernst Galiard

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*Please feel free to remain after the service to reflect and to enjoy the postlude.*

\*For those who are able, please stand.

***Please join us in the library immediately after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.***

**\*\*Gateway to Worship** is our worship program for 4-year olds through first graders. The Gateway leader will take the children to their classroom in the Fellowship Hall after the Children's Moments.

The **5-cents-a-meal Offering** will be received during the final hymn. You are asked to consider giving 4 cents for each meal you have eaten last month (or any amount you wish) to help feed those who are hungry. This offering supports both local and global hunger programs.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received today. Please join with people from thousands of churches in nine different denominations, reaching out together as one great Christian community to share with and care for Jesus' sheep.

An **Inquirer/New Member Class** will be offered from April 18th-May 16th during the Sunday School hour. If you would like to learn more about the ways you can serve God, worship, engage in meaningful fellowship and grow spiritually here at Covenant, come join us! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please call Sharon.

**Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p. Hostess: Margaret Sullenger, 116 Chadwick Circle, 952-0291. Co-hostess: Helen Davis. Bible Study: Lesson 8. *To carpool, meet at the church at 7:10p.*