

BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE
NOT SEEN YET
Believe

*Welcome to
Hillcrest Presbyterian Church*

A Service For The Worship Of God

April 23, 2017

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.



Processional Hymn #123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

A Word of Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

People: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

Leader: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

People: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

Leader: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

People: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

Hymn: Come Just As You Are

Elements of Grace

Come just as you are
Hear the spirit call
Come just as you are
Come and see
Come receive
Come and live forever

Come and see
Come receive
Come and live forever

Life Everlasting
Strength for today
Taste the living water
And never thirst again

Life Everlasting
Strength for today
Taste the living water
And never thirst again

Come just as you are
Hear the spirit call
Come just as you are

Come just as you are
Don't you hear the spirit call?
Come just as you are
Come and see
Christ our King
Come and live forever more*

Affirmation of Faith

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call To Confession

Leader: God has opened to us the gate of Heaven that we may enter in. Confident in God's love, let us
confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put
other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the
ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we
may know the fullness of joy.**

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Listen, church:

God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death, but has given us new life that we may live as we were created in the image of God for the Glory of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God

Gloria Patri: *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.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

*Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ
The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

People: And Also With You.

Leader: Let us turn and greet one another

Children's Message

Hymn #455

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Prayers Of The People and Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in you mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Christ is Risen, Alleluia

Scripture

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Message

Pastor, Rev. Jack Cormack

HYMN: Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone

Chris Tomlin

Amazing Grace, how sweet the
sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2
'Twas Grace that taught my heart to
fear
And Grace my fears re - lieved

How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set
free
My God, my Savior has ransomed
me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing Grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus (repeat 2x)

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like
snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine*

***Charge and Benediction**

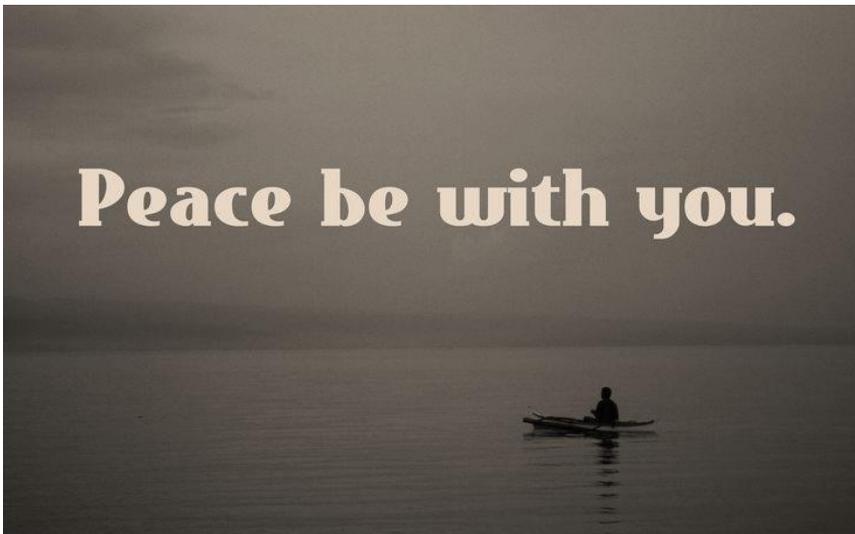
***Response**

May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.
May the grace of God shine down upon us, down upon us, and everyone we know.
This is our prayer as we leave this place with our hearts full of love and grace.
May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.

*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand

Rev. Jack Cormack
Jennifer McCullough
Jo Lynne Palmerton

Pastor
Director of Music
Pianist



Ushers

Edie Burch Sonja Scott
Randy & Jan Zweerink

Fellowship Hosts

Regina Ice & Diane Meester

In Our Prayers

Our homebound: Harold Hiser, Gusta Zweerink, Wayne & Gladys Zweerink.

Please continue to keep Jane Mitchell in our prayers. She is recuperating from heart surgery.

Larry Arnold continuing to deal with his health.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Jim Downing, April 24
Maddison Reynolds, April 25
Brayden Scott, April 29

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Congregational Care following fellowship

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Choir, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Praise & Study Service, 6:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Fifth Sunday Dinner following worship

Van Driver: Jeremy Heslin
Nursery: Cindy Covey
Sound: Brian Hill
Building Monitor: Dianne Hutchins

Ongoing Missions:

Food Pantry
Meals on Wheels
Rare Breed meals
Ronald McDonald House meals

Food Pantry Needs



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Cereal
Gravy Mix

People are needed to sign up for fellowship time. Please sign up on the clipboard in the kitchen or see Sonya Scott.



Next Sunday is our fifth Sunday dinner following fellowship. The hosts this month are Congregational Care and they are providing ham. The congregation is

asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

The church newsletter will be going out this week. Please get any articles you would like included in the office tomorrow.



Hillcrest is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels in May.

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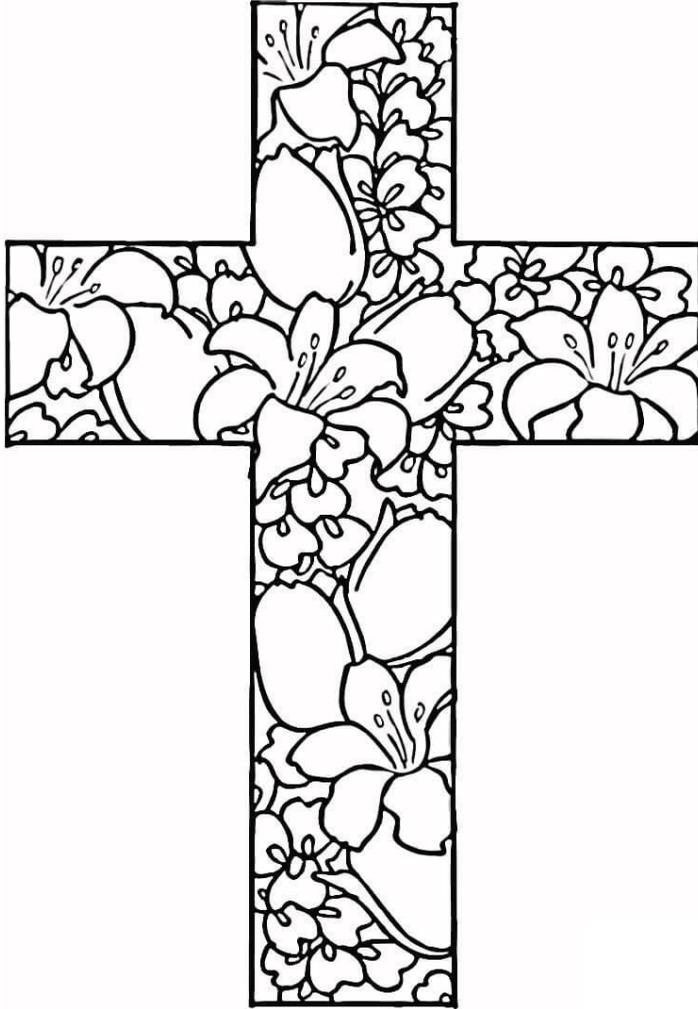
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HEY! HOW COME THOMAS GETS TO SEE AND I DON'T?



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WELL TED...

THOMAS IS A DISCIPLE. HE HAS TO BE AN EYE WITNESS... BECAUSE YOU CAN'T BE.



OH! THEY'RE "SEEING EYE DISCIPLES"



JOHN 20:19-31

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