

The Lord's Day  
April 9, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM  
EASTER SUNDAY

Scripture for Meditation: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

-Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

\* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 24:7-10](#)

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!

\* Hymn 295 [Crown Him with Many Crowns](#) DIADEMATA

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Psalm 23](#)

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 1014)

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Hymn 260

[Were You There?](#)

WERE YOU THERE?

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn 308

[Jesus Paid It All](#)

ALL TO CHRIST

Reception of New Members

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

*Christ Arose*

arr. L. R. Carroll

Carol Jones, piano, Rachel Embree, violin

\* Hymn 731

[Doxology](#)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

*Raised with Christ*

Pastor Will Snyder

Text: [Colossians 3:1-4](#) (Bible, p. 984)

\* Hymn 277

[Christ the Lord Is Risen Today](#)

EASTER HYMN

\* Benediction

Postlude

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*As you enter the Sanctuary, please be considerate of others who are quietly preparing for worship. Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.*

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3 in Rooms 2 and 4.

We rejoice in publicly receiving the following new members this morning: **Jonathan and Sarah Dumas.**

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\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

April 9, 2023

**Worship Leader:** Elder Richard Jones  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Jeff Edwards  
**Ushers:** Scott Bolliger  
**Audio:** Tim Owens  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Kevin Hilinski  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Chenelle Shepherding Group  
**Evening Audio:** *Easter Sunday-  
No Evening Service*

April 16, 2023

**Worship Leader:** Elder Scott Warren  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Walter Mayo  
**Ushers:** Peter Benedict  
**Audio:** Tim Owens  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Dee Volkert, Katie Lazzaro  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Chenelle Shepherding Group  
**Evening Audio:** *Shepherding Groups-  
No Evening Service*

## This Week at Church

Monday	6:30 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Friday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	12:00 PM	Shepherding Groups

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

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#### DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Discovery Class will begin for those interested in learning more about the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Coventry. This class runs for 8 weeks and takes place during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:15 AM). It focuses on understanding the gospel message, the doctrinal distinctives within PCC, and the ministries of our church. It is a time to grow in fellowship and understanding and provides a helpful avenue for those considering church membership. For those interested please contact Pastor Will ([pastorjws@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjws@gmail.com)) or the church office.

#### CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>

After worship on April 23<sup>rd</sup> there is a called congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a search committee for an Associate Pastor. April 19<sup>th</sup> is the last day for submitting names of nominees for the committee. Please submit names to Danielle in the office, Pastor Will, or one of the Ruling Elders.

#### AN EVENING OF MUSICAL WORSHIP

Let's get together for an evening of worship! We'll sing and play a variety of music together. Some hymns out of the book, some solos, some groups, some Psalms, all to the glory of God. This event will take place on Sunday evening, at 6:00 PM on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Any musicians who would like to bring some music, please reach out to Abe Millett ([abemillett@protonmail.com](mailto:abemillett@protonmail.com) or (860) 458-8047).

Let's bring our gifts to the Lord, and may they be a pleasing aroma!

### CHILDREN'S MUSIC & MOVEMENT: Spring Semester

A new 7-week session begins **Tuesday, April 25th at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. Classes run 4/25-6/6. New student fee: \$15 for one set of instruments. Returning students: Free. Please contact Colleen Millett to sign up or with any questions: 860-458-8129 or ckmillett@gmail.com. Spread the word!

### CANOE TRIP

Overnight canoe trip hosted by Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven on **June 2 & 3**. See flyer on back table of fellowship hall for more information.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Bible Study takes place at 1:00 PM at the church. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Will at the church office: (860) 742-7222.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

**In-Person** Women's Bible Study led by Debbie Goodale, at 6:30 PM at the church. We will be going through the book of Romans! Please reach out to Debbie Goodale if you have any questions. Cell: 860-455-6579; Email: dlhgoodale@gmail.com. Next one – Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Zoom** Women's Bible Study led by Elizabeth Koopman at 7:00 PM. We will be going through the book of Mark! Please reach out to Hannah Sung for the Zoom link via text/call: 862-334-3839 or via email: hannahmoon93@gmail.com. Next one – Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>.

### MEAL MINISTRY FREEZER

The deacons have purchased a small freezer dedicated solely to the meal ministry. Currently there are four meals in the freezer. There is a list on the outside of the meals and their ingredients as well as side items that go with them. Please take a meal for yourself or give one to someone that can use one and mark off the meal that you have taken. We are also looking for individuals or groups that would be willing to make meals as they are needed going forward. Please contact Pete or Jill Benedict with questions or to sign up.

### MIDWEEK RECHARGE

We will **not** be having Midweek Recharge on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The next one will be on **April 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship. For those who would like to contribute meals, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Fellowship Hall with a list of needs for the upcoming meeting. Please contact Collin Robinson (334.464.0142) or Pastor Will (860.742.7222) for any questions or if you have a desire to serve meals to others.

### MESSAGE FROM VIRGINIA LLOYD

Virginia Lloyd sends her greetings to her brothers and sisters at PCC. She is doing well and continues to live at Covenant Village in Cromwell. She misses PCC, but keeps in touch through the newsletter, and emailed announcements and prayer requests. If you would like to get in touch with Virginia, her address and phone number are in the back section of the Church Directory.

## *Notes for the Preaching of God's Word*

### *Raised with Christ*

Colossians 3:1-4

**Main Preaching Point:** Since you have been crucified and risen with the Lord Jesus Christ, don't waste this life by pursuing selfish ambitions and vain pursuits, but invest your mind and heart in growing your life in God as you live in the hope of glory.

- Foundational Realities
  - Setting the Mind and Heart on Things Above
  - The Hope of Glory
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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Colossians 3:1-4

Title: Raised with Christ

**Questions:**

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

#### **Foundational Realities**

2. Read Colossians 3:1-4. Among other things, this passage speaks about death and resurrection. The events of Christ's death and resurrection are central to the gospel. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-5. What is so significant about the death and resurrection of Christ? Discuss.

3. Though Christ's death and resurrection are central to the gospel message, who does Paul identify as having "died" (v.3) and "been raised"? In what way(s) has the Christian been crucified and risen? What has died? What has been made alive? Read Galatians 2:20 and Colossians 2:12-14. Discuss.

4. Since Christ's resurrection, he is said to be "seated at the right hand of God." What does this mean? Read Ephesians 2:4-6. How is it that we are seated with Christ? John Calvin comments on the believer's union with Christ in heavenly places: "For my own part, I am overwhelmed by the depth of this mystery, and am not ashamed to join Paul in acknowledging at once my ignorance and my admiration...whatever is supernatural is clearly beyond our own comprehension. Let us therefore labor more to feel Christ living in us, than to discover the nature of that intercourse."<sup>1</sup> Discuss Calvin's comments.

#### **Setting the Mind and Heart on Things Above**

5. Given the new reality that has emerged in being raised with Christ, what does Paul exhort the believers to do?

- What does it mean to "set your mind on things above"? Read further in Colossians 3—verses 5 & 12. How is putting death earthly things and putting on the character of Christ linked to "setting your mind on things above"? Discuss.

6. In what way(s) do you desire to live your life in light of this exhortation? Give examples.

#### **The Hope of Glory**

7. Read v.4. What is meant by a life "hidden with Christ in God"? And how does the appearance of Christ at the consummation bring hope to the believer? How are we to live in light of this reality, and how should it shape life in the 'here and now'?

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<sup>1</sup> John Calvin. Commentary on Ephesians.