



*A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter/10:30 AM & Virtual Service*  
**Sunday, 30 April 2023**

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

*Surely the Presence*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light - Kathleen Thomerson*

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have been walking, Lord,

**ALL: on roads of uncertainty and fear, on roads of exhaustion and doubt, on winding roads that have led us here.**

One: Join us on our journey, Lord. Walk with us.

**ALL: By your presence, refresh our spirits, set our hearts ablaze, and give us new direction!**

**One** Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: You are the source of our deliverance, O God, and rightly to be blessed. Your name shall ever be upon our lips. You have heard the poor and saved them from trouble. You have enlightened believers; their faces reflect Your radiance. Aglow with the splendor of Your promised redemption, we rise up to worship You, ruler of nations. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN #244

*This Joyful Eastertide*

VRUECHTEN

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
 My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.  
 Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain.  
 But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.  
 Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain.  
 But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river.  
 Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.  
 Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain.  
 But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

CALL TO CONFESSION: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not within us. In confession we acknowledge our brokenness and our need for God who is faithful, just, loving and forgiving. In humility and in faith let us confess our condition to God by praying together...

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **O God, our Rock and Redeemer, hear our confession. We worship idols of our own making; when temptation overtakes us we submit to its charm. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise You for mercies we receive day by day. We test You in every way. Yet You promise that You will not test us beyond our endurance. Forgive us when we take advantage of Your loving nature, and restore us to communion with You.**

\*THE KYRIE: **Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Brothers and sisters, remember that "God is faithful, and...will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing...will provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it." Christ is the foundation of our salvation; therein lies assurance that we are forgiven of sin. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI #581: **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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharon Clegern

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen**

## GIFT OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

\*ANTHEM

*Order My Steps*

Glenn Edward Burleigh

Order my steps in Your word, dear Lord, Lead me, guide me every day.  
Send Your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps in Your word.  
Please order my steps in Your word.  
Humbly, I ask Thee to teach me Your will, While You are working, help me be still.  
Though Satan is busy, God is real. Order my steps in Your word.  
Please, order my steps in Your word.  
I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.  
Please order my steps Lord, And I'll do Your blessed will.  
The world is ever changing but Jesus, You always remain the same.  
But You are still the same. If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.  
Order my steps in Your word, Order my tongue in Your word,  
Guide my feet in Your word, Wash my heart in Your word.  
Show me how to walk in Your word. Show me how to talk in Your word  
When I need a brand-new song to sing Show me how to let Your praises ring  
Please order my steps in Your word.

SERMON

*Foundational Habits...*

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNION: Communion will be served by intinction. Intinction means "mingled together or both at once." Please tear off a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice then place it in your mouth. We also have individual communion packs available.

\*CLOSING HYMN #247 *Now the Green Blade Rises* NOËL NOUVELET

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.
In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: love is come again like wheat arising green.

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION Sharon Clegern

POSTLUDE *Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John - Rollo Dilworth* Theresa Merrill

The flowers are given by Barbara Stringer in gratitude for God's beautiful creation.

OUR NEWS:

Rummage Sale Update: There is a saying "It takes a village to raise a child". There is another saying, "It takes a congregation AND a preschool to have a rummage sale." The Spring Rummage sale produced a new sales record. The sales totaled \$6907.50 (meaning nearly \$70,000 in savings to our customers). This total exceed the previous record by more than \$1500.00. Another record of note was the support of the volunteers: the congregation, friends, and the parents and teachers from PRPPS. Thank you all.

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The Knox Youth present
May 5 @ 7pm
suggested donation - \$10

May 7 @6pm
Dinner @5pm
suggested donation - \$15

PRPC's very own Star and Youth Member -Shea Dillon will be in this play- Hope you'll come by to support him!

Godspell JR. is the Knox Youth Group's major fundraiser for their Montreat Youth Conference in June 2023. So every dollar is greatly appreciated! Please contact Sharon Clegern for ticket and program information at 513-482-0811.

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If you would like to provide the flower arrangement for a Sunday in May, June, or July, we have several openings. Generally, you pay \$40 to the church, and the florist bills the church at the end of each month. The flowers are yours to take home with you. Contact Barb Stringer in person or by phone (513-460-2952) or email bstring9@aol.com.

## HYBRID LECTIONARY BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

We have weekly conversations looking specifically at the Biblical Text that will be preached the following Sunday.

**These will be weekly at Noon in the Library. Just bring your own Bible and lunch.**

Everyone is encouraged to read the text prior to coming in order to join in the discussion. Each week, we will walk through three questions in concern for the text:

**-What is going on in the text? What is this text saying to me? What does this text need to say to us as a congregation?**

We look forward to seeing you there and to get you started, here are the texts that we will be looking at in the weeks to come:

-2 May: John 14:1-14

-9 May: No Bible Study

-16 May: TBA with Sharon Clegern

-23 May: No Bible Study

30 May: TBA with Sharon Clegern (Last Bible Study until Fall)

## THIS WEEK AT PRPC

### Sun, Apr 30

**8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship** (Sanctuary)

**11:30 am:** Elemental Churches (Library)

### Mon, May 1

**6:00 pm:** Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts room)

**7:00 pm:** CISV Meeting (Library)

### Tues, May 2

**12:00 pm:** Bible Study/Conversation (Library)

### Wed May 3

**12:00 pm:** Horizon Bible Study (Library)

**2: 00 pm:** TEAM Works

**7:00 pm:** Bell Choir

### Thurs, May 4

**7:00 pm** Choir

## REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

### New Prayer Concerns:

- **All Families who have suffered a loss**  
Ongoing Prayer Concerns
- **Bob Bytheway**, friend of Jennifer Sullivan, Cancer Diagnosis
- **Steve Hammelrath**, Health concerns
- **Bob Ruff**, Health concerns
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns

- **Pam West**, friend of Jeanette Marshall, Health concerns
- **Mike Vouk**, cousin of Jennifer Sullivan, recovering from Lung Cancer surgery

### Serving in the Armed Forces

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm

### Mission Coworkers:

- **Jim McGill**, in Africa

**\*\*Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Mission.**

## BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

**Month of May:** 1 Monica Werden, 2 Rachel Stringer, Nancy Wickemeyer, 3 Joseph Ferguson, Nancy Marshall, Lauren Maynus, 6 Mary Overman, 7 Greg Reece, 12 Elizabeth Horn, 15 Richard Kapfer, 16 Richard Overman, 17 Phyllis Marshall, 19 Harold Marshall, 21 Benjamin Record