



# *Covenant Presbyterian Church*

## **Mission Statement:**

**Witness to our faith through worship  
and compassionate Christian service**

## **Vision Statement:**

**People's lives will be transformed by knowing  
and experiencing Christ so that God is glorified.**

## **Core Values:**

**Commitment, Faith, Generosity, Hospitality, Love, Respect**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
**“5th Sunday of Eastertide”**

**Ten-thirty am**

**April 24, 2016**

**Prelude**

David Starzer, organist

**Centering Prayer for Worship**

Almighty God, you have called the church into being and have gathered us into one family. By the power of your Holy Spirit help us to live in unity and peace with all your children. May our worship and actions this day be fruit of our faith in your kingdom. In the name of our Risen Lord. Amen.

**Centering Song #230 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (verses 1 ad 4)**

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you

**People:** And also with you.

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Rejoice and be glad:

**People:** God of the empty grave, we offer glad songs of resurrection joy to you.

**Leader:** Rejoice and be glad:

**People:** This is the good news we tell to all the world!

**All:** Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**\*Opening Hymn #246 “Christ Is Alive!”**

**\*Prayer of Invocation and 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.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** A Brief Confession of Faith Presbyterian Church (USA)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God,

the Holy One of Israel whom alone we worship and serve,

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

To pray without ceasing,

And to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

Even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**\*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.

## CONFESSION

### **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we give thanks that you are the God of today, because too often we are stuck in yesterday. We live with regrets and guilt, contemplating who we were, rather than whom we might become. But you, Emptier of tombs, constantly work to restore our broken lives. We give thanks that you are also the God of tomorrow. We often sit satisfied with who we are rather than who we might become. You never stop moving forward, you are always doing something life-giving and new. Fill our souls with your thirst for a new adventure. Help us move from failings and faults that immobilize us, into dreams and actions that make your community whole.

**(Silent Personal Confession)**

### **Assurance of God's Love**

Leader: God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray.  
Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Leader: Forgiven and freed, let us share God's peace with each other.  
The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **\*Greeting Time**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Song of Praise "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

Chancel Choir

**The Gospel in Story & 5 Cents a Meal Hunger Offering**

Jazzie Earnest

**+All children and youth go to WOW (Worship Outside of Worship)**

**\*Hymn of Meditation #314 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"**

**"Cares Chorus" (All Sing) and Morning Prayer**

I cast all my cares upon you; I lay all of my burdens, down at your feet; And anytime I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you. I will cast all my cares upon you.

**We Offer Our Gifts and Selves to God**

**\*Offertory**

**\*Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading: The First Passover**  
**Exodus 12: 1-3, 11-14, 21-28**

Rob Gregory

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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**People: Thanks be to God**

**New Testament Reading: Acts 9: 36-43**

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Leader: The withers, the flower fades.

**People: But the word of the Lord endures forever.**

**Sermon Easter Practices Series: “Life Together”**

Dr. Sarah Nave

### **CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn of Dedication #761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Eastertide Sung Response “Now unto Him” (find song on next page) All Sing**

**†Postlude**

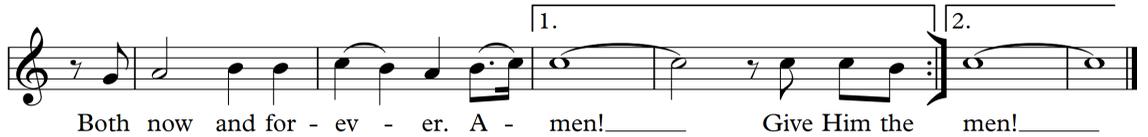
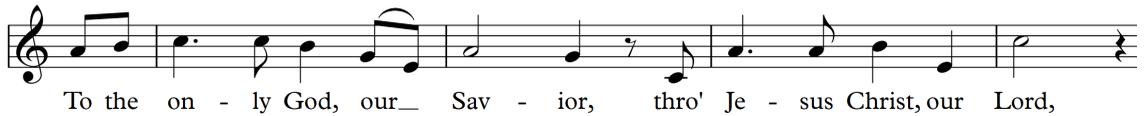
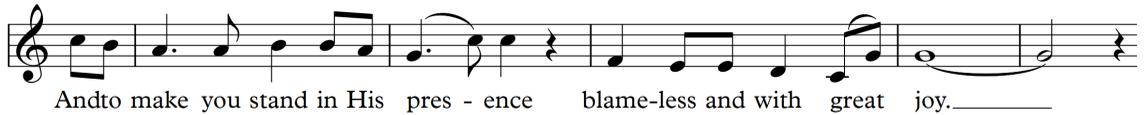
**†We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude if you like, in order to reflect on what we have heard and on our experience of God together. Likewise, please feel free to leave immediately if you would rather. Blessings to all!**

**\*Congregation invited to stand if able**

# Now unto Him

David Morris

David Morris  
Arr. Tom Fettke



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## **WELCOME!**

We're glad you are here! We invite you to fill out a visitor's card, located in the rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate. Looking for a faith community? We would love you to consider Covenant as the church family for you. Contact Pastor Sarah Nave (732-8240-w, 894-0386-c) for more information.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** *Dr. Ben Rice, Kathy Rice, Dorothy Ketcham, Nancy Porterfield, Shernette Reid, Joe Hackley.*

### **Sunday, April 24, 2016**

**10:00 am Choir Warm-up**

**10:30 am Morning Worship**

**11:30 am Fellowship hosted by Dr. & Mrs. Ben Rice and Mr. & Mrs. Dave Buck**

### **Thursday, April 28, 2016**

**6:30 pm Restoring the Holy to Worship workshop at Westminster  
Presbyterian in Richmond**

### **Sunday, May 1, 2016**

**10:00 am Choir Warm-up**

**10:30 am Morning Worship**

**11:30 am Fellowship hosted by Mrs. Cathy Stutz & Mrs. Beth Snead**

**Birthdays this week:**

**April 28 Tonda Williamson**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, April 26 at 10 am. Join us as we pray for our church and world.

# *The Raising of Tabitha*



## **THE CHURCH STAFF**

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