

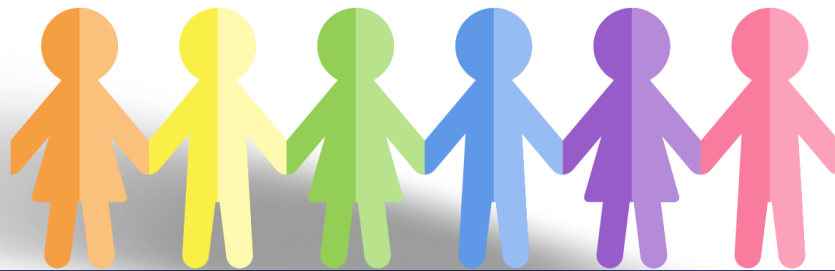
CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Showing up, wherever you are, with God's Love

cpcstatesville.org

Spring Worship

UNITED, WE SERVE



Because we are stronger together

March 31, 2024 Group Celebrations

Some notes to help you participate fully in worship:

The * symbol indicates to Rise in Body or Spirit.

We encourage worshippers of all ages to participate in the sanctuary. There are quiet toys and supplemental activities for young people in our balcony, and a nursery available for those ages 3 or younger. To find the nursery, go through either of the doors at the front of the sanctuary, make a right, and go down the stairs to the end of the hall.

Hearing assistive devices are available in a bin to the left of the main sanctuary doors.

Notes about the Worship Series:

During the Season of Easter, Jesus appears to the disciples in a variety of situations. Each time, Jesus leaves them with a message – feed my sheep – and do it together. The disciples were asked to put aside their differences and work together for the glory of God. You can find more resources at cpcstatesville.org/unitedweserve

Upcoming Volunteers

<i>March 31 Liturgist</i>	John Wood
<i>March 31 Fellowship</i>	Easter Team
<i>March Elder of the Month</i>	Thomas Setser, Della Kinney
<i>April 7 Liturgist</i>	Jessica Wood
<i>April 7 Fellowship</i>	Eric Millsaps and Ragan Robinson
<i>April 7 Youth Dinner</i>	The Winterhalters
<i>April Elder of the Month</i>	Della Kinney, Chris Harris

Preparing to Listen

Welcome

Silent Prayer

Get in a posture of prayer. Find a comfortable way to sit with a straight back and your hands open on your lap. Close your eyes as a sign of letting go of the world around you and making yourself available to God. You have nothing to do during centering prayer except to be present to the Other who is God.

Words of Welcome

John Wood

One: Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost. Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

All: But not today. Today we know love has won. Today we know hope is real. Today we know Christ is here.

One: We have a reason to hope.

All: We have a reason to sing!

One: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen today.

*Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

#232

*Call to Confession

Pastor Liz

*Prayer of Confession

John Wood

One: The stone is rolled away!

All: We assume it is a mistake.

One: The angels say, “He is not here!”

All: We assume their news is fake.

One: The women tell the story,

All: but we do not want to hear it.

One: Peter runs to the tomb,

All: but we do not understand.

One: Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more
than a prank.

**All: Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still
holding tight to death.**

One: Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are
alive and well in the world.

All: Teach us to see what you see.

One: Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

All: Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness

Pastor Liz

*Hymn

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness”

#582, vs. 1

Offering of our Time, Talent and Treasure to God

Hearing the Word of God

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Pastor Liz

Time with Children

Song of Preparation

“Sound the Trumpet” *Mark Patterson*

Concord Choir; Jeremy Troyer – trumpet

Reflection on the Scripture

Pastor Liz

**All: We may weep through the longest nights.
We may stare at the empty tomb with more
questions than answers. We may run our
fingers over the burial cloths and still long for
more. But today, we are a people of hope.**

**We believe in new beginnings.
We believe the God who created the world is
stronger than death. We believe Jesus abides
among us, healing, teaching, and leaving
fingerprints throughout this world.**

**We believe a tomb could not hold him. We believe
the sun does rise. We believe Peter was there
with questions, awe, and faith the size of a
mustard seed.**

**We believe the story is not over yet, for God is
among us. Today we are a people of hope.**

Responding to God's Word

Communion of the People of God

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to God!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: ... The unending hymn:

*Kyrie “You are Holy” #596, vs. 1

One: ... Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ had died, Christ is risen; Christ will
come again.**

One: ... taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Words to the Lord's Prayer are available on the screen

*Response "Glory to God Whose Goodness" #582, vs. 2

Apostles' Creed

Words to the Apostles Creed are available on the screen.

Words of Remembering

Sharing of the Elements

*Sung Prayer "Alleluia, Alleluia" #240

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song of Response "Song of Hope" #765

Charge and Benediction

Postlude