

# Welcome

**PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, April 23, 2023 | 10:00 am  
3rd Sunday of Easter

**Prelude** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. L. Larson  
Jon Lang, piano

**Lighting of the Candles** Sarah White

**Words of Welcome** Wes Avram

**Call to Worship** Wes Avram

**\*Opening Hymn** *Lift High the Cross* No. 826

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)**

**2 All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)**

**3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)**

**4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)**

**Prayer of Adoration** Sarah White

**Call to Confession** Erik Khoobyarian

**Common Confession and Assurance** (unison) Erik Khoobyarian

Lord Christ, you said to us that if we ask, we will receive; if we seek, we will find; if we knock, the door will be opened to us. Forgive us for our distractions, when we forget to ask. Forgive us for our independence, when we do not seek. Forgive our closed and fearful hearts, when we refuse to knock, do not enter, and avoid the life you have prepared for us. Turn our heads toward you, befriend us in our time of need, and open our hearts to your will, that in all things we might follow you, to the glory of your Name. Now hear our silent prayers of confession.  
(silence)

**\*Congregational Response** (unison) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

No. 240, vs. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Erik Khoobyarian

One: The peace of our Lord be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

**Children's Message**

Erik Khoobyarian

Children & 6th-8th Grade Youth leave for Church School.

**Congregational Response** (unison)

No. 547

Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

**Our Common Life**

Wes Avram  
Adam Rogers

Ministry Moment

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**Offertory**

Musical Offering

*I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*  
Brady Larson, soloist • Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, director  
Jon Lang, piano

arr. H. Helvey

*I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing.  
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing.  
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.*

*I'm gonna preach when the Spirit says preach.  
I'm gonna preach when the Spirit says preach.  
I'm gonna preach when the Spirit says preach,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.*

*I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray.  
I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray.  
I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.*

*I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout.  
I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout.  
I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.*

\*Doxology (Lasst uns erfreuen, No. 609)  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Erik Khoobyarian

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 24:13-35

Wes Avram

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

*Feel the Burn*

Wes Avram

**Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)**

Michael Hegeman

**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.**

\*Closing Hymn

*Christ is Alive!*

No. 246

**1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.**

**3 In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

**Sending Music**

*Allegro con brio* from Sonata No. 4 in B-flat major  
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

F. Mendelssohn

**Meeting of the Congregation**

\* Please rise.

## Scripture

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**Luke 24:13-35**

**The Walk to Emmaus**

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” 19 He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” 25 Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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## Notes of Interest

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**Ushers** are Carol Baker, Tim Erion, Suzanne Moon, Renee & Jed Schenck, Christie Slegers, and Eugene Wade; **Head Usher** is Robert Slegers.

**The Flowers** are given by Barbara & David Buzzelli in celebration of our family.

## Prayer Requests

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Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Ed, recovering from a fall;
- For Mary D., diagnosed with breast cancer;
- For Luli, for positive test results;
- For the family of Sherry, as they mourn her loss;
- For the family of Dean, as they mourn his loss;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities;
- For the people of Haiti and Harmony Ministries;
- For our men and women in the military.

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