

## THE WORSHIP SERVICE

### Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Evan Amo, pastoral resident  
Joan Watson, associate minister  
John Richardson, director of traditional music and principal organist  
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music and organist  
Carolyn Lohr, carillonneur  
John Longshore, usher team leader  
Stacey Mills, Mark Dulin, Ian Mackay, trumpet  
Christopher Griffin, horn  
Patrick Foray, Aaron Brown, trombone  
Dan Hays, timpani

### The Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of the risen Lord and in loving memory of Pauline and Ralph Delk, Virginia and Norman Brauer, and Ruth and Paul Manz by Mary & Phil Delk

### Audio and Visuals

Jacob Crain (projections), Cleveland Elam (video),  
Dave Welchman (audio)

### Leading Other Services

Jen Christianson, pastoral resident  
Jessica Patchett, associate minister  
Daniel Heath, contemporary worship leader

### Cover Image

"The Resurrection" from Covenant's apse window:

Jesus steps triumphant from the tomb on Easter morning bearing the wounds of our transgressions, pointing upward to God, and carrying the flag of the Church triumphant. The angel who rolled back the stone appears like lightning. A kneeling soldier on Jesus' left holds the down-turned sword of judgment. The kneeling soldier on Jesus' right hand holds the upright spear of sovereignty symbolizing the transfer of mystical power that occurred with the Resurrection from the dead.

## WELCOME TO COVENANT

Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Circle, where today's preaching minister will be glad to greet you. You also may learn more about our life of faith together at our website or on Facebook.

**Interested in joining Covenant?** We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. We also welcome new members on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall Library at 12 p.m.

**We offer education and fellowship opportunities** in the mornings and evenings for children, youth and adults in the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall. Please see the digital signs for details.

**Covenant expects and gladly welcomes many first-time and repeat visitors.** By introducing yourself and sharing a warm greeting, you express the hospitality of our congregation. Please share a smile and welcoming word with those around you.

**Note to Parents:** During the school year, Sunday School is offered in the Education Wing for preschool and elementary aged children at 9:30 a.m. Child care will be offered on the First Floor during 11 a.m. services; elementary aged children may go to the Kindergarten room (EW120).

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

### Birth

Congratulations to Courtney and Daniel Peterson who celebrated the birth of their daughter, Caroline Jane Peterson, on April 9

### In Need of Healing Prayer

Carlyle Hill  
Roy Joslin  
Helen King  
Katherine Lawson  
Bill Meanor  
Arthur Morehead  
John Ramsey – CMC Pineville Rehab  
(no visitors, please - cards only)  
Amy Sullivan  
Bob Taylor

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## *To the Greater Glory of God* A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday  
April 16, 2017  
11 a.m.

SANCTUARY

Covenant Presbyterian is a dynamic Christian community that gladly invites all people into a transformational experience of faith; boldly proclaims the gospel, bravely works toward a whole and just world, and passionately nurtures discipleship.

~ Large print bulletins with hymns ~  
are available from the ushers.

# A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

11 a.m.

*Welcome to Covenant, we are glad you are here.*

*Children are always welcome in worship. Child care and children's programs (ages 6 weeks to fifth grade) are offered in the Education Wing.*

*Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.*

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## FESTIVE VOLUNTARIES

*Offertoire sur les grands jeux pour la fête de Pâques* . . . . . J. Dandrieu  
~ Rob Dicks, organ ~

*Variations sur un vieux Noël, Op. 20* . . . . . M. Dupré  
~ John Richardson, organ ~

**CALL TO WORSHIP** . . . . . Luke 24:1-6

## \*INTROIT

*Highland Cathedral* . . . . . Traditional Piping Tune  
~ Chad Graham, bagpipes, Rob Dicks, organ ~

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* . . . . . EASTER HYMN

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### LITANY OF NEW LIFE

Liturgist: O God, our plans and priorities do not always make space for your interruptions.

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Liturgist: We are accustomed to death and disappointment. We are well acquainted with cynicism and disillusionment.

People: **We are slow to believe your good news. We are scarred by false hopes.**

Liturgist: We confess our lack of trust, our limited vision, our uneasy comfort with what we know.

People: **We believe. Help our unbelief.**

Liturgist: O God, you have created us for covenant keeping.

People: **You have created us for resurrection spotting.**

Liturgist: You have created us to live your Easter good news with everything we've got.

People: **Engage and embrace us Lord, and equip us to live as a people shaped by your voice, your hope, your reign. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 245 (verse 4)

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* . . . . . LLANFAIR

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!**

**Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!**

**Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!**

**Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

## ANTHEM

*Christ Has Risen! Shout Hosanna!* . . . . . J. Bankson  
(text can be found on page 248 of the hymnal)

~ The Covenant Choir ~

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 11-18 . . . . . New Testament, p. 108

## SERMON

"Life as Devious as Death" . . . . . Bob Henderson

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 236

*The Strife is O'er* . . . . . VICTORY

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:

People: **That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

Liturgist: We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;

All: **He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

## OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Phoenix Processional* . . . . . D. Locklair

Rob Dicks, organ  
Stacey Mills, Mark Dulin, Ian Mackay, trumpet,  
Christopher Griffin, horn,  
Patrick Foray, Aaron Brown, trombone,

## \*DOXOLOGY 265 . . . . . DUKE STREET

**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.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

*Five Mystical Songs: Antiphon* . . . . . R. V. Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King.

The heavens are not too high,

His praise may thither fly:

the earth is not too low,

His praises there may grow.

The Church with Psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out:

but above all,

the heart must bear the longest part.

~ The Covenant Choir ~

## \*RECESSIONAL HYMN 246

*Christ Is Alive* . . . . . TRURO

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*Symphony I: Final* . . . . . L. Vierne



The term "antiphon" usually describes responsive singing of a single line between choirs, before the reading of a psalm. R.V. Williams "Antiphon" is a setting of George Herbert's poem of the same name. Herbert's antiphon in his poem is the repeated refrain, "Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing..." R.V. Williams plays with the antiphonal idea by having pairs of voices sing verses back and forth. Organ and brass accompany the thrilling dash through keys and meters before ending in unmitigated joy.

\* You are invited to rise in body or spirit