



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Even when we hide ourselves in locked rooms,

People: Even when we huddle together and build barriers,

Leader: God sends the living word through our locked doors
and into our guarded hearts.

**People: By the power of God's Spirit, may we breathe in
peace.**

*Opening Hymn

Resurrecting

Verse 1

*The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet
Now at his feet we bow*

Verse 2

*The one who wore our sin and shame
Now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love
Now shines for all to see*

Chorus
Your name
Your name
Is victory
All praise
Will rise
To Christ our king

Verse 3
The fear that held us now gives way
To him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross
Is now alive in me

Bridge
By your spirit I will rise
From the ashes of defeat
The resurrected king
Is resurrecting me
In your name I come alive
To declare your victory
The resurrected king
Is resurrecting me

Verse 4
The tomb where soldiers watched in vain
Was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain
Our God has robbed the grave
Our God has robbed the grave

An asterisk(*) indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold letters denote that we say the words in unison. Italic fonts direct us to sing.

Prayer of Confession

God, when we are anxious and afraid we become tempted to fight with those we love or hide deeper into ourselves. We might become paralyzed in fear or numb ourselves with substances or work. Forgive us for the times when we overreact and do things that we regret. In those times, help us to rely on our community and breathe in peace. Through your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Congregational Response**

*You alone can rescue,
You alone can save,
You alone can lift us from the grave;
You came down to find us, led us out of death,
To you alone belongs the highest praise,
Amen.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You may pass the peace to one another.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, you always surround us, but we are not always aware of your presence. Reveal yourself to us, through your word. Show us how you want us to live, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Breathing Peace

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

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.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn**

Behold the Lamb

Verse 1

*See Him there the great I Am
A crown of thorns upon His head
The Father's heart displayed for us
O God we thank You for the cross*

Verse 2

*Lifted up on Calv'ry's hill
We cursed Your name and even still
You bore our shame and paid the cost
O God we thank You for the cross*

Chorus

*(Oh) Behold the Lamb the story of redemption
Written on His hands
Jesus You will reign forevermore
The victory is Yours
We sing Your praise
Endless hallelujahs to Your holy name
Jesus You will reign forevermore
The victory is Yours*

Verse 3

*Offer up this sacrifice
For ev'ry sin our Savior died
The Lord of Life can't be contained
Our God has risen from the grave
Oh our God has risen from the grave*

Verse 4

*When the age of death is done
We'll see Your face bright as the sun
We'll bow before the King of kings
O God forever we will sing*

Ending

*You reign forevermore
The victory is Yours
King Jesus reigns forevermore
The victory is Yours*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.
We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.*

WORSHIP LEADER

Susan Mennella

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON!

We'd love for you to join us in our activities, so please fill in the Welcome Card, which can be found in your pew, to give us contact information. Please stay after the service today for fellowship time and refreshments in the Narthex. It's a great way to get to know one another!

WHILE YOU WORSHIP WITH US:

- **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - Please write your request for prayers to be included in the service in the book on the podium found at the center entrance of the sanctuary. You'll also have a chance to share them during the service.
- **THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.
- **FOR YOUNG ONES** - Although children are always welcome in worship, nursery care for children from six months through three years of age is provided in our playroom in the Parish House. Please ask an usher to direct you.
- **JOINING OUR CONGREGATION** - Classes are offered for those who would like to become members of our congregation. Please call the church office or speak with Pastor Carol for additional information.
- **GET OUR NEWSLETTER** - Keep current with our news and activities through email. If you are not currently getting it, you can sign up by putting your email on the Welcome Card, or you can contact the church office.

LEARN MORE ABOUT US by visiting our website at www.pcmadison.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ThePresbyterianChurchofMadison.

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COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to help with Coffee Hour? Volunteers are needed for this simple job that only requires a few minutes before and after church on an occasional Sunday. Make coffee, set out food and supplies, clean up afterwards. All food and supplies are provided, but you are also welcome to make something too! Please see or email Sara Burnet for more information if you think you could help! Thank you. Email: saraburnet@hotmail.com

SUPPORT PCM STARS! NOURISH.NJ'S HUNGER WALK - APRIL 27

We're so proud of our confirmation students! Three years ago, they began hands-on mission work for nourish.nj by assembling birthday kits. They are now the PCM Stars!, picking up the pace by VOLUNTEERING, WALKING, and RAISING funds for nourish.nj's Hunger Walk on April 27. Please support the PCM Stars! with a donation!! Our goal is to raise \$2,000, and giving is an easy 3 steps:

1. Go to <http://www.nourishnj.org>
2. Click the green Register for the Hunger Walk button and then the green Donate button in the upper right.
3. Click the Team button and type PCM Stars! Then complete your donation.

Sending a check works great too! Please remember to include "Hunger Walk PCM Stars!" in the memo line. Thank you!

RAMP GENERAL MEETING HERE - APRIL 27

Join RAMP for a special opportunity to meet volunteers and members of RAMP's Board of Trustees. Hear important updates, have a chance to network, learn about ways to get involved and be part of building a 'Bridge to a New Life' for refugee families. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. Attendees can register on the RAMP website at rampnj.org - select News & Stories at the top of the home page. Come and learn what good our quarters do!

EASTER & SPRING JOY SINGING BOWL REFLECTION - APRIL 29

Please join us on April 29 (Tuesday) from 7-8 pm in the sanctuary for a spiritual and moving Easter & Spring Joy Singing Bowl Reflection in Community. Our own Nichole Maldonado-Gorsak will lead us through gentle stretching (for all physical abilities) and a singing bowl "sound bath" to get us moving and relaxed. Bring a friend and a nonperishable food donation for the Interfaith Food Pantry! Write Kathleen Underwood at kathleenunderwood@verizon.net for more information.

BREAKFAST AT NAUTILUS DINER - APRIL 30

Join us for an enjoyable morning of fun and fellowship at the Nautilus Diner, 97 Main Street, Madison on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:15 am. Please contact Jim Burnet at jimburnet@gmail.com with any questions.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

The following memorial services are scheduled in May:

- **James Edgar Burnet, III**

Webb Chapel on Saturday, May 3, at 10 am. All are welcome.

- **Charles Courtney**

Webb Chapel on Saturday, May 24, at 2 pm; reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. Correspondence may be sent to the following family members:

*Nathan Courtney
22 La Grange Road
Delmar, NY 12054*

*Robin Hadden
1500 East Street
Huntington, VT 05462*

PRAYER LIST

One of the spiritual practices that our community embodies in our life together is holding one another's concerns, joys, sorrows, and thanksgivings before God in prayer. As a people of God, we offer prayers for those of the church, the community, and the world.

During the week, each one of us can make it a part of our daily spiritual practice to pray the prayers of the church, the community, and the world. You are invited to participate, as you are able, offering prayer in light of God's healing love.

If you have an update for the prayer list, please email Reverend Carol Howard at carolhoward@pcmadison.org or call the church office at 973-377-1600 if you would like to add anyone to the prayer list. Thank you for helping us maintain a more current prayer list.

- Kaitlynn, for recovery from injuries after a serious car accident
- Jo-Anna, for comfort and peace after the passing of her brother Nick after a long battle with cancer
- Roy, for strength and peace, as he works through his dad living with advanced dementia
- John, who is in a clinical study for treatment of a rare disease, that he received the treatment (not the placebo), and his wife and caregiver, Cathy
- Misty for health issues
- Jordan recovering from surgery and facing one more, and Cathy, his wife and caregiver
- Vicky and all other women dealing with difficult pregnancies
- Pam Gillespie
- Brian and all the victims of the California fires

NOTES

FLYER- SPRING EVENTS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON NJ



UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL 13

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:15AM

APRIL 15

COOKING CLASS @ 6:30PM AT PCM **

Learn new cooking tips and help us make the soup for Maundy Thursday worship!

APRIL 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP @ 7PM

Tablesides agape meal service in the Parlor

APRIL 18

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE @ 7PM

Candles and scripture, ending in total darkness

APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY!

6:30am sunrise service @ Hillside Cemetery

EASTER!

10:15am service in sanctuary. Egg hunt, hot cross buns and deviled eggs!

APRIL 26

CHURCH CLEANUP DAY @ 9AM!

APRIL 29

SINGING BOWL REFLECTION @ 7PM

Sound healing and reflections in the Sanctuary

MAY 6

DINNER & DISCUSSION @ 6:30PM**

casual Bible conversation and yummy food!

MAY 10

CEMETERY RESTORATION @ 9:30AM

MAY 27

BREAKFAST AT NAUTILUS @ 7:15AM

JUNE 8

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH SUNDAY!



Questions? Call the church office at 973-377-1600.

**** Reservations requested for Cooking Class and Dinner.**

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WELCOMING ALL
AS A LOVING COMMUNITY
CENTERED IN CHRIST,
GROWING IN FAITH,
SERVING IN JOY, AND
LIVING IN GRATITUDE

STAFF

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Michael Callahan
Student Ministries & Outreach

Anna D'Achille
Director of Music

WORSHIP
Sunday Service 10:15 am

SESSION

Jim Burnet
Becky Moody, Clerk

Stephanie Haedrich
Giorgios Vlamis

Mary-Anna Holden

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