

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON
EASTER SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP**

April 12, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Central's first online streamed worship service! Download, print and use this "bulletin" as you would on a typical Sunday morning, joining our live worship team in liturgy and song. All the information you'll need is provided here. Now, enjoy worship!

Welcome and Greeting

L. The Lord be with you!

P. And also with you!

The Prelude

Call to Worship

L. On this Easter morn, we gather in spirit to give thanks and praise for the hope and promise of resurrection!

P. In the name of the risen Christ, we gather ourselves in worship!

L. While we are physically distanced, we rejoice that the Spirit of Almighty God bonds us as one, wherever we may be.

P. May we sense one another's presence as we are assembled in a spirit of love.

L. Let us now worship, together, as the body of the resurrected Christ.

P. Yes, we worship in joy, in acclamation, and in the name of Jesus, the world's Redeemer.

Hymn No. 123 – "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to Redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heav'n-ly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Our Lord and God, forgive us when we doubt that You are fully with us. Send forth Your Holy Spirit to remind us that You never abandon us, but are as close as our next breath, or the next beat of our hearts. Keep us focused and strong in our faith, as we confess in the name of Jesus.

Silent Prayer

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Assurance of Pardon

L. From everlasting to everlasting, in darkness and in light, in crisis and in comfort, we belong to the Lord, and by his grace, we are forgiven!

P. Praise be, in the name of the resurrected Christ! We are indeed forgiven!

The 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.**

Children's Chat

The Pastoral Prayer 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 98:1-6

Special Music – “Because He Lives”

Gospel Lesson – John 20:1-10

Hymn No. 104 – “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding, Bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits, From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven, Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation, Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, every-one!**

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Gospel Lesson – John 20:11-18

Sermon: “I Have Seen the Lord!”

Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication

The Doxology

Hymn No. 118 – “The Day of Resurrection!”

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright,
The Lord in rays eternal, Of resurrection light;
And, listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav’ns be joyful, Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is there-in;
Let all things seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.**

The Benediction

The Postlude

Thank you for attending this service of worship! And thank you to our worship team: Kathy Bachtel, John and Stephanie Beltz, Jeff Sibert, Roger and Liz Sibert, Pastor Larry Lalama. May the Lord bless and keep you in the days ahead, and forever.