

April 14th, 2024

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Here, O Lord, We See You Setting by Lloyd Larson

Candle Lighting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Word of life spoke:

People: so we could hear the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.

Leader: The Word of life reached out:

People: so we could touch the hope which heals us.

Leader: The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:

People: so we could follow him into life forever.

***Hymn #236** The Strife is O'er

Call to Confession

When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace.

Please join me as we pray, saying:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of empty tombs and empty people:

when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice.

When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion.

When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed.

When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.

When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter.

Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gifts us with grace and hope.

Christ comes, to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness.

People: Thanks be to God. Christ has come to us. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 27:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

***Hymn** When Thomas Heard from Jesus (music in bulletin)

Second Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-29

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: Thomas the Faithful?

Offering

Offertory Because He Lives

William J. Gaither
Sung by Chancel Choir

***Doxology**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise *him, all crea - tures
 here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #248** Christ is Risen, Alleluluia

Benediction

Postlude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Setting by John Carter

***The flowers today are in loving memory
 of Linda Talerico's parents, Bob and Marge Schenck***

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Liturgist:	Bob Suarez
Music Ministry:	Chancel Choir
Ushers:	Cari Suarez
	Diane Suarez
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Diane Suarez
Social Hour:	Deacon Team A

The Strife Is O'er

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Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Head!
 sing to thee:

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

When Thomas Heard from Jesus

1. When Thom-as heard from Je - sus, "Now come and fol - low me," he
2. When Je - sus spoke of heav - en, bold Thom-as dared to say, "We
3. When crowds be - gan to mur - mur and lead - ers raised their cry, brave
4. What joy on Eas - ter eve - ning when man - y saw the Lord! Yet
5. That man of faith saw Je - sus at break-fast by the sea; at

sure - ly went with glad - ness, for there was much to see. He
don't know where you're go - ing! How can we know the way?" He
Thom - as spoke out firm - ly, "Let's go with him and die." He
Thom - as was not with them and would not trust their word. When
Pen - te - cost he wit - nessed so oth - ers would be - lieve. O

wit-nessed Je - sus' teach - ing and saw his heal - ing touch; he
want - ed un - der - stand - ing of what he could not see. Then
ate at Je - sus' ta - ble, par - tak - ing wine and bread; yet
Christ ap-peared be - fore him, his doubts were quick - ly gone; he
Lord, may we, like Thom - as, keep grow - ing day by day; in -

found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.
Je - sus re - as - sured him, "The way is here, through me."
lat - er with the oth - ers, he saw the cross and fled.
glad - ly knew that eve - ning the joy of Eas - ter dawn.
crease our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2012. Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16;

John 11:11-16; 14:1-7; 20:19-29; 21:1-7; Acts 1:12-14

MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

15	APR, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
16	APR, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
17	APR, WED	● All day	Blood Drive (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Session Meeting (O)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
18	APR, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
20	APR, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
21	APR, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)