

Sunday April 21, 2024 4th Sunday of Easter

Our Commitments "CHRIST-CENTERED UNITY"

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation.

Our worship is "liturgical." The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our website <u>resurrectionphl.org</u> for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

The Pastoral Staff
 Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

Sunday Information

- Nursery + Children's Ministry: Check-in available at both 17th and Sansom Street entrances.
 - Nursery for children 6-30 months: Available for the duration of the service.
 - Sunday School for ages 30 months through 5th grade: Children are dismissed to class just before the sermon; K-5th graders return in time for communion.
 - For nursing mothers seeking privacy, there's a room behind the SE exit from the Sanctuary where the service can be watched.
- Accessibility: A street level entrance is available on Sansom Street, and an elevator providing access to all other levels can be accessed there. Assistive listening devices are available; to request one, please see one of the greeters.
- **Restrooms**: Men's and Women's restrooms are on the lower level; two single-user restrooms open to anyone are available on the 2nd floor.
- **Coffee Hou**r: After the service, located in the Community room, behind the front of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
- **Parking/Transportation**: Free parking for worship is available at the Liberty Place Garage. Get a timed ticket when you enter the garage, and a chaser ticket (validation ticket) at church. Limited bike and stroller parking at the Sansom lobby, as well as single journey SEPTA passes.

Reflection

The particular expression of love that the world should see when it looks at Jesus' church is the evident overcoming of divisions. It is the evidence that contraries have been reconciled. It is the expression of love that belies a normally fragile and unstable unity. It is the outworking of an abnormal love, one not based on mutual attraction. The common denominator in Christian love is that Jesus gave himself for us. -Irwyn L. Ince, Jr., *The Beautiful Community*

Church Calendar

ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY LENT EASTER PENTECOST ORDINARY TIME The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means "fiftieth"). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love— the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the absolute wonder of God's purposeful plan of salvation.

(Seeking God's Face by Philip Reinders)

Welcome

Opening Song All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Edward Perronet, John Rippon, Oliver Holden, Jill Phillips All hail the pow'r of Je – sus' name! Let an – gels pros trate fall: 1. bring cho-sen seed of 2. Ye Is -rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall. hail 3. Let ev' – ry kin-dred, ev' – ry tribe, on this ter – res –trial ball. to that with yon-der 4. Ο sa -cred throng at his feet may fall: we'll we Ο a - dem, and forth di him Lord of_ all; the roy - al crown him who saves you by_ his grace, and crown him Lord of___ all; him all ma - je - sty a- scribe, and crown him Lord of___ all; join the e - ver - las - ting song, and crown him Lord of_ all; bring forth the roy-al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord. of all. him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord hail of all. him all ma-je - sty a- scribe, and of to crown him Lord all. we'll join the e-ver-las-ting song, and of crown him Lord. all.

Opening of Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Responsive Reading

How very good and pleasant it is

- All when kindred live together in unity!
 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
 on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
 - For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

from Psalm 133

GOD SUMMONS US AS HIS PEOPLE

As we meet together each week, we recognize in the preparation that God, through his word and Spirit, gathers us into his presence and calls us into his life and mission. Doxology Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley All ye who are of ten der heart, for-giv ing oth- ers take your part. Sing his prais- es, 1. 2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and worship him with hum ble ness! O____ praise him, Alle-lu ia! Ye, who long pain and sor- row bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O Alle-lu ia! Praise, praise the Fa ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi-rit, three in one, O 0 praise him! O____ praise_him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu ia! praise him! O___ praise_him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu ia! ©1998 Jonathan Gilley

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, *both as a community* and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

All God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbor. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel Stone, Samuel Wesley one foun – da – tion 1. The church 's is Je – sus Christ her Lord, she E - lect from ev' - rytion, yet the 2. na – one o'er all earth: her 3. Though with a scorn – ful won – der men see her sore op-pressed, by toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and of 4. 'Mid tu –mult her war, she 5. Yet on earth hath – nion with God the three she u in one, and From and the word. is his new cre tion by wa – ter _ а _ char -ter of sal _ va tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one schi-sms rent a – sun der, by her – e – sies dis – tressed, vet _ waits the con – sum – ma tion of peace for – e – ver – more; till _ - nion with those whose rest my-stic sweet com - mu is won: 0 heav'n he came and sought his ho - ly bride; her to be with par – takes one ho - ly ho – ly name she bles ses, food, and _ goes up, "How saints their watch are keep – ing; their cry long?" And glo – rious her with the vi - sion long - ing eyes are blest, and hap -pyones and ho _ ly! Lord, give us grace that like we, 0 his own blood he bought her. and for her life he died. hope she pres with ev' - rv grace dued. to one ses, en the night of shall the morn soon weep ing be of song. the great church vic to rious shall the church be at rest. them, the meek and low high may dwell with ly, on thee.

Pre-school children are invited to go to their classes at this time. Elementary children through grade 5 are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Song of Response, following the Reflection.

Passing of the Peace

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. *All* And also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Word of God

New Testament reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 17:1-6, 17-24

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word...

¹⁷"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.

Reflection "Christ-Centered Unity" – Rev. Chris Currie

Offertory

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me - Hopper, Wardell, Pensak ©2008 New Jerusalem Music

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea; unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal. Chart and compass come from thee; Savior, pilot me.

Though the sea be smooth and bright, sparkling with the stars of night, and my ship's path be ablaze with the light of halcyon days, still I know my need of thee; Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild; boisterous waves obey thy will, when thou sayest to them, "Be still!" Wondrous sovereign of the sea, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar 'twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy breast, may I hear thee say to me, "I will pilot thee."

When encouraging the early church toward generosity, the Apostle Paul pointed to Jesus' giving of himself:

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you can do so by scanning the QR code at the left or text any amount to the number 84321.

The offering is part of our worship together, an opportunity to participate in the ministry of Resurrection. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give— we're grateful simply for your presence here today.



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Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Having offered ourselves up in faith through the creed, affirming the power of God's redemption, we lift up the church, our world, and other needs to God in prayer for his provision and healing.

Prayers

O God,

you are the author of love, and you love pure peace and affection. Bind your people together in the unity of the Spirit. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Heal the diseases of those who are sick, and show them your compassion daily. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

In your great mercy set free all who are terrified by fears, afflicted by poverty, weary with trouble, worn down by illness, burdened with punishment, and all prisoners and wanderers. Lift them up, correct them, and protect them. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with,

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

All 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 and ever. Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

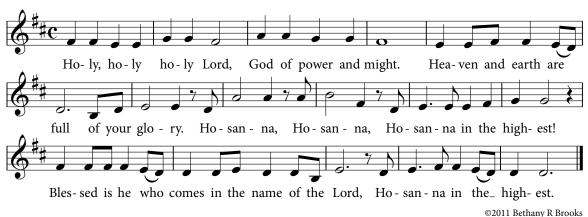
Communion, also called the Lord's *Supper, is the family* meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus *Christ to participate. If you are not a* follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your *relationship* with *Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus



The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, forever and ever.

All Amen.

The minister speaks the Words of Institution.

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. *All* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia! We use wine in Communion. Nonalcoholic white grape juice and a glutenfree option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

Prayers for Reflection

Prayer for those searching | Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

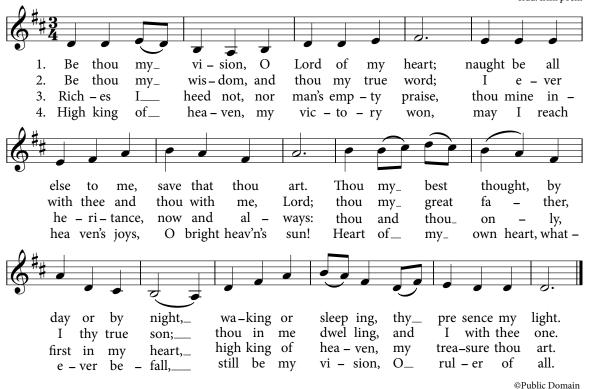
Prayer of belief | Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling | Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Communion Song

Be Thou My Vision

Trad. Irish poem



Prayer after Communion

All Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

you have fed us at your table;

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Blessing and Sending

Christ Is Risen Matt Maher, Mia Fieldes Let no_ caught in_ sin_ main in-side. the lie_ 1. one re of in weight of_ Be-neath_ 2. the all. sin, you bowed_ none but our to_ heashame. We fix_ the_ our on. cross and run ward eyes up will. No scheme_ of_ hell, fer's crown, no bur ven's scof no_ _ who showed_ great and bled him love. to_ for_ us,_ down._ den great can hold In strength_ you you reign; free - ly you bled. for. us. for - e - ver let your church claim:_ pro ri - sen from the dead, tram-pling Christ is o - ver death by death. Come a wake, come a-wake, come and rise up from the grave! Christ is ri-sen from the dead; we are one with him a-gain. Come a - wake, come a-wake, come and rise up from the grave! hell, О, death, where is your sting? О, where is your vic-to-ry? D.S. church, come stand in the light. [1. The glo - ry of God has de - feat - ed the night. О, 2.Our God is not dead; he's a - live, he's a - live! CCLI #5242683 © 2009 Thankyou Music

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14)

After the service, ministers and elders of the church will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to offer healing prayer and anointing with oil for those seeking God's healing in any aspect of life: physical, relational, emotional, psychological, or spiritual. If you come for healing prayer, you will not be asked any personal questions about your situation, only for your consent to be anointed with oil on your forehead. Receiving healing prayer and anointing with oil only takes a few seconds, but the practice can be a powerful way to experience God's help in our weakness.

Musicians

Sarah Long: guitar, voice Joshua Stamper; guitar Matt Engle; bass Evan Chapman; drums Liturgist Paul Burkhart

Scripture Reading Joel Garver

Celebrant Rev. Scott Jennings

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CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.

CONNECTION GROUPS provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).

To see current groups, visit **resurrectionphl.org/groups** or scan the QR code at right.

FAMILY MINISTRIES come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- Children's Ministry. Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, terri@resurrectionphl.org
- **Resurrection Youth.** Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhart at paul@ resurrectionphl.org.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS During

the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick (ryan@resurrectionphl. org) for more information about these events.



GROW

Resurrection is a community committed to

growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join "Resurrection Rhythms" to foster spiritual growth through practices resurrectionphl.org/practices
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer to help you get started.

GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | resurrectionphl.org/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

SERVE

We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city. This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city



Announcements

Do You Get Resurrection News?

If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of resurrectionphl.org or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

Newcomer Meet & Greet Today!

Are you new to Resurrection? Join us after the service today for a Newcomer Meet & Greet. Meet a pastor and a few others in the church, as well as others new to our community! We'll gather in the Boardman Room downstairs.

Worship at 4 pm on Broad Street Run Sunday; Chili Cook-off to Follow!

The Broad Street Run will be held on Sunday, May 5, and we're following our annual traditional of shifting that Sunday's worship service to 4 pm and following it with a Church-wide Chili Cook-off. Additional information to come... start your chili research and plan to come with an appetite!

Justin Whitmel Early speaking at Philadelphia Classical School on Wednesday, May 1

Justin Whitmel Early, author of *The Common Rule* and *Habits of the Household* will be speaking at Philadelphia Classical School on biblically and historically grounded household rhythms that encourage holistic formation. Register for this free event here: https://charity.pledgeit.org/PCS-Earley.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April

21: Newcomer Meet & Greet

May

5: 4pm worship, chili cook-off

Help us welcome you.

Name(s):	
Children & their ages:	
If undergrad or grad student, school & year:	
Address:	
Phone number(s):	
Email(s):	
Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer	
Please contact me about:	
Community Groups	
Neighborhood Service Opportunities	
□ Volunteering on Sundays	
□ Children's & Youth Ministries	
Meeting with a Pastor	ARIVACY.FLOWCODE.COM
Other:	

Prayer Requests

Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays. Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.

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