

# Covenant Community Church



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# Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

## We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: This day is not like any other day.

**People: Today we slow down.**

**Today we take it all in.**

**Today we rest in good news.**

Leader: This day is not like any other day.

**People: Today we are singing.**

**Today we are full to the brim.**

**Today joy cannot be contained.**

Leader: This day is not like any other day.

**People: Today the stone was rolled away.**

**Today the women saw the empty grave.**

**Today we know—death does not win.**

Leader: This day is not like any other day.

**People: Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Confession

### Call to Confession

Family of faith,

it is our tradition to have a prayer of confession each week—not to harp on ourselves or to drum up guilt, but because we believe God is not done with us yet.

So please join me in the prayer of confession, because God is always listening and God's grace is always full to the brim.

### Prayer of Confession

**God of new life, we are a mixed bag. We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy, but often we overflow with comparison and doubt.**

**We want to embody the resurrection, but often we'd rather stay the same than to begin again. We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter morning—to run and speak truth, but often we are weary of courage—and uncertain of our own voices. Forgive us**

**for all the ways we remain unchanged. Break into our hearts. Overflow here. With hope we pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, if there is life after death, then you can be certain—there is life after mess. There is life after mistakes. There is life after doubt. There is new life freely given, and that life is for you. You are forgiven, loved, and claimed. May we live full to the brim in response. **Thanks be to God, and let it be so. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

#250: This Joyful Eastertide

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn

#241 Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

**We Hear the Word**

Scripture:

Luke 24:1-12

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**We Respond**

Interlude

\*Hymn

#244: Now the Green Blade Rises

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Offering Response

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Communion Hymn

#568 We Gather Here

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God who can astound us—

**a God who created the mountains of Colorado, the stars on a summer night, and the green of Ireland.**

We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us—

**an example of love for those on the fringes, healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.**

We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends, wounded, mocked, and killed by the state.

**And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life began again—the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.**

Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit has been inviting us into an expansive life—

**a life not measured by wealth or accolades, but a life full to the brim with joy, overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope, and decorated with good news.**

Death has lost its sting.

**We believe, and are set free. Thanks be to God, amen.**

Communion Liturgy

...The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...when we will be glad and rejoice forever, singing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the  
Highest.**

...Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you  
restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

## **We Are Sent into the World**

\*Closing Hymn

#243: Thine Is the Glory

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

**People: Praise be to God!**

\*Denotes all who are able, please stand

### **Luke 24:1-12    New Living Translation**

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.

**2** They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. **3** So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.

**5** The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? **6** He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, **7** that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."

**8** Then they remembered that he had said this. **9** So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. **10** It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. **11** But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. **12** However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

## Helping Us Worship

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