



Holly Presbyterian Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Pennies from Heaven** A voluntary small change offering for building projects.

**Prelude**

Julia Hull

**\*Call to Worship**

**Based on Psalm 103**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits**

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases

**who redeems your life from the Pit,**

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,,

**who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Jesus our Lord has done all these things and more. He is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Let us worship the Lord together...

**\*Opening Hymn "Every Morning Is Easter Morning" (Page 5 Blue Supplemental)**

**Call to Confession**

**Based on Psalm 103**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Our Lord and our God, we must admit that though we have studied your word for many years, we often miss your truth. We seek understanding on our own terms, rather than depending on you for clarity. We want to control the knowledge, rather than allow for mystery we cannot grasp. Forgive us for trying to be the ones who hold onto your knowledge. Make us to be a people of your Living Word in our hearts and carry that Word into the world in all we do.**

*(please take time for silent personal confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Based on Psalm 103**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lord illuminate your word for us. Do not hide your truth from us but allow us to see you and know you more. Empty us of all that is not of you and fill us with your truth and glory. Amen.**

## Scriptures

### New Testament Letter

Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 186

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### New Testament Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 84-85

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## Sermon "New Understanding"

Rev. Chris Thomas

\*Hymn #458 "Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet" (*new*)

## Affirmation of Faith

Friends let us come and affirm our faith with one another sharing in maybe the oldest expression of the faith we are aware of recorded by Paul in his letter to the Corinthians.

**Though Christ existed in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen!**

## Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

## Offertory

\*Doxology Hymn #607 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (*different*)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn #610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

## Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Julia Hull

Assisting with worship today: Jim Lyles Worship Leader, Vicki Lyles Usher, Karen Haneline AV Setup, Randy Cook Sound.

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**Volunteers needed!** Please look at the volunteer sheets on the table in the narthex and fill an empty spot (or more) with your name. There are opportunities to help with the worship service. (baby pantry and coffee hour are filled. Thank you!) Can we fill up the month of April today? Thank you!!

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Christian Education: Bible Study will meet again on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am.

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**Mark your calendar:**

Tues Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm Property Team
Thurs Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm Session Meeting
Fri Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am Coffee 11:15am Worship

**Congregational Care Team:**



Coffee fellowship is at 10:30am. Come and have a snack, drink, and fellowship.

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to Karen Haneline - haneline526@gmail.com or 248-894-3489.

**Prayer Concerns**

**For comfort and peace for the family of: Delbert Jackson (Gerry Jackson's father).**



**For healing: Donna Miller** got a pacemaker, will be going to rehab; **Penny Schettling** recovering from sepsis after pelvis surgery at home; **Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad) recovering from broken femur; **Jessica Duis** (Jim & Vicki Lyles niece) complications have arisen regarding her thyroid cancer treatment. **Sierra & Dalton Sink** repairing damage to home from tornado.

**Ongoing prayers: Mike Pelton, Barb Brown, Don Neuville, Mark Bolen, Steve in FL, and Jim Killewald.**

**Prayers for those suffering: for all those affected by war, severe weather, hunger, gun**



violence, abuse, and/or addiction.

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**Summer Flower Fundraiser:** I can't wait for flowers! Orders need to be in by Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>. You can pay before they come in. Checks need to be payable to HPC and in memo please mark flowers. Delivery will be Mother's Day May 12<sup>th</sup>.

You can purchase planters for \$35, hanging baskets for \$22 or a gift card for \$25 to Carlsons Greenhouse. Please see Sherry or Vicki if you have any questions.