

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

L: On the first Easter morning, some women came to the tomb, spices in hand, sorrow in heart, expecting to find death.

P: On this Easter morning, we come here, with our lives in our hands and joy in our hearts, expecting to celebrate life.

L: Lilies blooming, candles glowing, music resounding, praises lifting – these are signs and symbols of Jesus' disciples at worship on this festive day.

P: Butterflies fluttering, eggs hatching, ewes birthing, bunnies hopping – these are signs and symbols of God's promise of new life for each and every day.

L: Thanks be to God for the joy of this day. Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed! Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn #243 – Jesus Christ is risen today

Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Assurance

L: God, our Creator, gives us new life;

P: Christ, our Redeemer, walks with us all the way into eternity;

L: Holy Spirit, our Strength, empowers us to serve others with joy;

P: This is the good news: the tomb is empty; Jesus lives; we are not alone.

ALL: Because of Easter, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Music Ministry

Hymn #260 – Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord

Family Focus/Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm 118:1-4, 14-24 (NRSV)

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

P: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

L: Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

P: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

L: God is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation.

P: There are shouts of joy and deliverance in the tents of the righteous.

L: The right hand of God does mighty things; the right hand of God raises up.

P: The right hand of God does mighty things.

L: I shall not die, but live; and I shall proclaim what God has done

P: God indeed punished me, but did not give me over to death.

L: Open to me the gates of the temple, that I may enter and given thanks to God.

P: This is the gate of God; through it the righteous shall enter.

L: I thank you for you have answered me; you have become my salvation.

P: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is God's doing, marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12 (NRSV)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Message: It Is Finished – Or Is It?

Hymn #256 – Now the green blade rises

Mission Moment, Doxology #79 and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

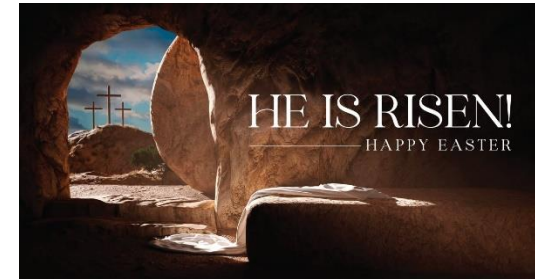
Hymn # 258 – Thine be the glory

Benediction

Benediction song: Go Now In Peace

Welcome To Lucknow Presbyterian Church

March 31, 2024



Announcements

- Welcome to all who are worshiping with us. Thanks to Rev. Kathy for leading the service.
- March Newsletter went out this week – see Margaret if you would like to receive it
- Tues., April 2 at 1 pm: Bible study on Living Well Together in Diversity continues in the SK basement. The other dates for this study are Thurs., April 11 and Tues., April 16, both at 1 pm
- Saturday, April 6 from 10am-4pm: Seminar at Camp Kintail on Accessibility in Places of Worship presented by Julie Sawchuk from Sawchuk Accessible Solutions. Cost: \$30 includes a catered lunch. RSVP by April 3rd.
- Invitation to a Special Event: General Assembly Moderator, Mary Fontain, May 1, 2024, St. Andrew's Owen Sound. A turkey dinner (suggested cost \$20) will be served at 5:30 P.M. followed by a worship service at 7:00 P.M. Please RSVP gladyspennacchietti@gmail.com by April 23, 2024 if you plan on attending the dinner.

Upcoming Services:

- April 7, 14, 21, 28: service led by Rev. Kathy Fraser
- May 5 at 10 am: LPC anniversary service – no church at SK