



Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church Little Rock, AR

A member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

5th Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024, 10:45 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude *Sonata in G Major, K. 2* by D. Scarlatti

Pianist: Sally Todd

Greeting Ruskin Falls

Call to Worship Alex Gray

*Hymn #619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Confession of Sin

**Our deepest need, O God, and our greatest desire,
is to abide in your love now and forever.
And, yet, our attitudes and actions are not those of a people
who love as you so graciously have loved us.
Rather than following Jesus, we've let ourselves be led by
illusions of self-interest and delusions of self-importance.
We have feared loving those who are different from us,
those who have hurt us, those who have slighted our values,
and those whom we see as our enemies. Forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

(A time for silent confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Congregational Response
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Hymnal #233 (v.

*Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

Offertory *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*, from Handel's Messiah, arr. Jan Sanborn

*Doxology

Hymnal #232 (v. 4)

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

* Affirmation of Faith (From: *The Confession of 1967*)

**The risen Christ is the savior of all people.
Through the cross and resurrection of Jesus,
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.
The new life takes shape in a community in which people know
that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that
no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.
Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that
God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation
beyond death, and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.
To God be the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

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*Worshippers are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

Hymns are from *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)

Prayer for the Illumination *Kum ba Yab (Come by Here)* Hymnal #472 (v.1)
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Scripture Reading 1st John 4:7-21 Pew Bible NT pg. 241

Sermon Ruskin

Moment of Silence

Pastoral Prayer 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.**

*Hymn#366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Congregational Response Hymnal #248 (v. 3)
***Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!***

Postlude *Sonata in G Major, K. 532* by D. Scarlatti

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*Other than for hearing aid adjustments or emergencies,
we ask that there be no use of electronic devices during worship.*

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:105

Be doers of the word
and not merely hearers.

James 1:22

Blessed are those
who hear the word of God
and obey it.

Luke 11:28

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Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Restrooms: A restroom is located on the west side of the narthex (the entranceway to the sanctuary). It is wheel-chair accessible.

619 Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your
carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the Maker all your days!

2 Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears
in distress; God is still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Sing out Maker's faithfulness!

3 Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our
feeble frame, gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same. Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! All within me, praise God's name!

4 Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God
face to face. Sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space: Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of Grace!

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.