



## OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Sharing of Christ's Peace

Rev. Chuck Pickrel and Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

**Christ Is Risen! ~ The Lord Is Risen Indeed!**

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

*leader: When the tomb looms large before our eyes, remind us, Lord, who we are:*

*people: **We are children of the resurrection; the place of death will not hold us.***

*leader: We are the painters of the rainbows; the shadow of death will not daunt us.*

*people: **We are the breakers of loaves and fishes; the taste of death will not defile us.***

*leader: We are the raisers of the dead; the power of death will not defy us.*

*people: **We are the people of Pentecost; the spirit of death will not destroy us!***

*leader: God is our refuge and our strength.*

*people: **We gather in the power and sure promise of resurrection.***

*—from Phyllis Cole and Everett Tilson, Litanies and Other Prayers, Year C,  
adapted by the Rev. Dixie Brachlow, Ashland Presbyterian Church, Ashland, VA, and posted on the text this week.*

Song

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Chalice Hymnal #218

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!  
Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!  
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!  
Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Invocation

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Special Song

"Beyond Belief" music: Gary Rand, lyrics: Lenora Rand, ©2019 Plural Guild

Emily Boedeker

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12 (Common English Bible)

from Easter Eggs

*Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.*

Meditation "An Expansive Life" Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Special Song "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong, Bob Thiele, and Weiss (1967) Emily Boedeker

Communion Rev. Laura Ann Phillips and Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Song "In the Garden" Chalice Hymnal #227

**I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,  
and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.  
He speaks, and the sound of his voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,  
and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.  
I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,  
and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

Responsive Prayer *following "God of Life," please respond with: "hear our prayer."* Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Our 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Song "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Chalice Hymnal #233

**Alleluia! sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love.  
Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above.  
There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood,  
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."  
Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! Christ is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget the promise, "I am with you evermore"?  
Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, be on earth our food and stay.  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

Blessing Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Dismissal Alleluia! Christ is risen. Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Walk in the light.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Special thanks to this morning's special guests, our sound technician,  
and to our volunteers who've made this happen.***