

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
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Easter Sunday
March 31, 2013

Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Join us downstairs for coffee after this morning's service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages meeting after the service at 11:50 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing; adult classes meet in the fellowship hall and sanctuary. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. There will be no evening service tonight. Enjoy an Easter Sunday feast with your family and friends!

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. We have resources that will help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: www.providencestl.com.

The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note:** The middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice, the larger outer ring contains wine. (The grape juice has a darker color than the wine.)

Jesus Christ Victor (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOCYX*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — March 31, 2013
Easter Sunday

Preparation For Worship: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

The Rite of Christian Baptism

Clare Elizabeth Joslyn

Introduction & Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Mark 10:13-16*

And they were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Parental Vows: *Peter & Erin Joslyn*

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with her and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vows

Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this

responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Christian Baptism: *Clare Elizabeth Joslyn*

Prayer: Elder David Linton

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

†Call to Worship

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

†Hymn of Praise: #197 "The day of resurrection" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!** *Matthew 28:19*

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Thanks be to God!

1 Corinthians 15:57

Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate the glorious feast of the resurrection of our Lord, may honor and praise you, who through your only-begotten Son has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, let us draw near to God our Father with a honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake: [Congregation Kneels]

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Psalm 139:23-24

Test me and know my thoughts!

See if there is any wicked way in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting.

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I justly deserve your punishment now and

forever. But I am heartily sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus sake I pray. *Silent Prayer. Amen.*

†Pastor: Now stand up and hear the good news!

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made a glorious home for mankind. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us over all your creatures to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom, and graciously covenanted to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You gave your Word to take on our flesh and in him you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and has risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name. . .

†The Sanctus

The musical score is written for three staves. The first staff begins with the instruction "with vigor" and a treble clef. The second staff has a dynamic marking of "fff" and continues the melody. The third staff concludes the piece. The lyrics are written below the notes in both German and English.

with vigor

Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are

full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est! Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

†Hymn #198 "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Trinity Hymnal

The Appointed Readings for the Easter Sunday

The Old Testament Reading: *Job 19:23-27*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Easter Hymn "This joyful Eastertide"

1. This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

2. My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber;
Till trump from east to west,
Shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now hath Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen, arisen.
But now hath Christ arisen!*

3. Death's flood has lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

<p>Text: George R. Woodward, from <i>Carols for Easter and Ascensiontide</i>, 1894; Music: from Joachim Oudaen's <i>David's Psalmen</i>, Amsterdam, 1685; arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)</p>

†The Gospel Reading: *John 20:1-18*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God,
Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;**

and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified; who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†The *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *Philippians 3:7-4:16*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **FORGETTING WHAT LIES BEHIND AND PRESSING FORWARD**

†Hymn of Praise "In Christ alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings
Choir Anthem "The strife is o'er"

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell:
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to thee, Alleluia!

Text: Latin, tr. Francis Pott, 1861
(see hymn #201)
Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 1995

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† [Hands Raised] An Easter Litany

O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples;
you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You
gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your
victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to
baptize and teach the nations in the Name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us
until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, you are glorified by angels and redeemed saints in heaven, and you are worshiped by your church on earth. On the glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Save us, O Christ our Lord, in your goodness, extend your mercy to your people who await the resurrection at the end of history, and have mercy on us.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over the powers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness. By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life, and that all we are and do may show forth his love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, now and forever more.

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen!

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Hymn #207 "Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands" *Trinity Hymnal*

Communion in the Body & Blood of Our Lord

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): Luke 2:30-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy Word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #200 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Welcome to Providence Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders. There will be no evening service tonight. Enjoy your afternoon and evening with feasting and fellowship.

Heidelberg Catechism - Question 45

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Upcoming Events

April 4	Deacons' Meeting
April 7	HS Movie Night
April 25	Bridal Shower for Lauren Meyers
April 26-27	Men & Boys Campout
May 16	Bridal Shower for Madeline Shields
July 22-26	VBS

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service – John Keane Family
Sunday School – Marianne Pitts & Melanie Carter

Sunday School Classes

Spiritual Disciplines for Real Life — This class examines spiritual practices that believers throughout history have participated in to embody mature spirituality. It meets in the fellowship hall and is lead by Pastor Anderson.

Parenting Older Children — This class is meant to encourage parents to develop strategies for discipling older children. It is lead by Pastor Meyers and meets in the sanctuary.

Movie Night — The High School class will have a movie night April 7 at Luke Shields' house after the evening service. RSVP to Christine Greeno and bring \$5 for tacos & soda.

Men & Boys Camp Out — This year's annual Men & Boys' Camping Trip will be on April 26-27, at the Keane's property in Mt. Sterling. The campout will last from Friday afternoon through Saturday at 2 PM or so. We will have all sorts of activities for everyone. If you have questions contact Pastor Meyers or John Keane.

Bridal Shower for Lauren Meyers — Ladies, you are invited to a Bridal Shower for Lauren Meyers (daughter of Jeff and Chris Meyers) on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Brookie Moore, 695 Hawbrook, Glendale 63122. Lauren is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Bridal Shower for Madeline Shields — Ladies, please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a bridal shower in honor of Madeline Shields on the evening of Thursday, May 16. Stay tuned for more details!

Please note that it is Providence Church's custom to provide a bridal shower for each bride marrying in the church. Although some families may not be able to host the entire church at the wedding ceremony, we hope that our church family will support all of our brides and enjoy the wonderful opportunity for fellowship provided at their showers. Thank you!

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