

## Wycliffe Presbyterian Church

**WELCOME** - To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and seek fellowship - welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Office Phone:** 757-496-2620

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wycliffe is following Christ to renew our church & the community.

Join in this mission through worship, by connecting with others, by contributing your talents and resources in service to others, and through cultivating your spiritual and emotional health.

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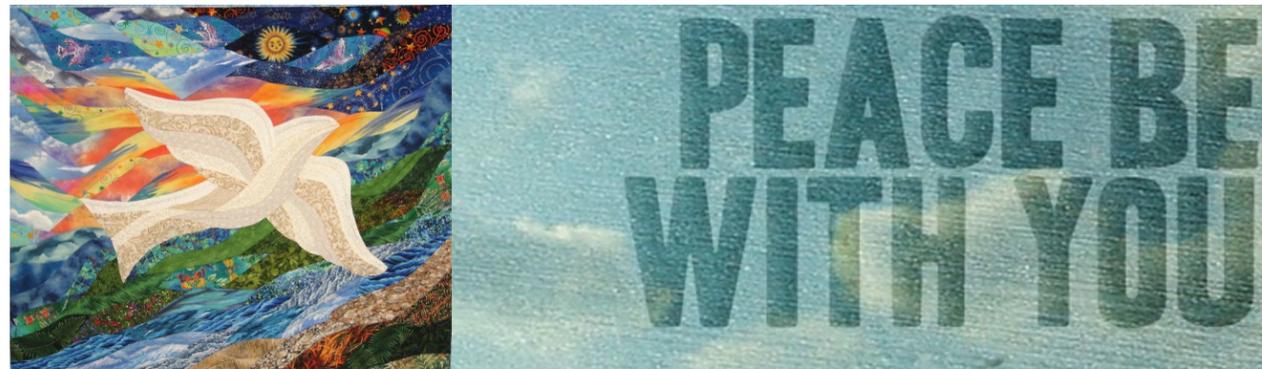
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April 15, 2018 - The Third Sunday of Easter

Rev. Garrett Bugg, pastor

**Preparation for Worship:** "Why are you frightened? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; see that is it I, myself. Touch and see. (Luke 24:38-39)

*We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings. It is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul. (Charles Spurgeon)*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

*Please sign & pass the red Friendship pad*

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **\*HYMN 251 "Christ is Arisen, Alleluia"**

*(Children & Youth are invited to meet Ms. Tiffany at the front for a pair of sticks to accompany the refrain!)*

### **\*PSALM 98 (all read the bold print)**

*O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.*

*He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.*

**All the ends of the earth  
have seen the victory of our God.**

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.*

**Sing together at the presence of the Lord  
for he is coming to judge the earth with righteousness.**

### **\*Share the Peace & Joy of the Risen Christ**

*Children's time with the Pastor*



**A TIME OF CONFESSION** (all read the bold)

Forgive us God; for though you are present,  
**we bind ourselves to the past.**

Though you are alive in us at this moment,  
**we are entombed in the past.**

Though you are the freedom we crave,  
**we lie in the grave of mistakes from our past.**

Though you are willing to raise us to new life,  
**we hold our breath in fear, and live in the past.**

**Have mercy on us, and free us for joy-filled obedience.** (silence)

(All sing) Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. (repeat)

**THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON ... and all say: Thanks be to God!**

**Hear these words the first letter of John** (3:1-5, NIV)

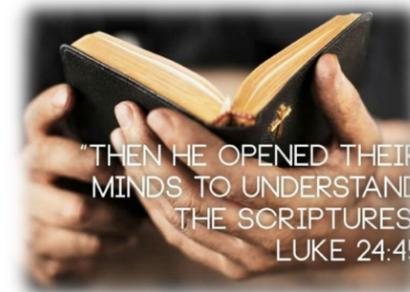
See what great love the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God. And that is  
what we are! The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we  
will be has not yet been made known. But we know that  
when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall  
see him as he is, the one who appeared so that he  
might take away our sins.



Proclamation in Song **"God So Loved the World"** arr. B. Harlan

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that all who believeth,  
that all who believeth, believeth in him. Should not perish but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his son to condemn but that we might be saved . . .



**Scripture ~ Luke 24:36-48**  
**The Word of God is Opened to Us**  
Rev. Garrett Bugg

The offering is received as all sing ~  
**HYMN 231 "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"** (remain seated)

**THE PASTOR'S PRAYER** followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (p.35, hymnal)

**\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH** (all read the bold)

As the angel rolled back the stone  
that the resurrected Christ might come forth in glory,  
so also God's angel of potential in each of us  
rolls back the stones that block our hearts.

**The hour has come! Jesus lives among us,  
and calls us to step out of the tomb  
so that we might rise with him.**  
Come and share in the life of the risen Christ!

**As Christ's followers,**  
**we devote ourselves to lives of love and service,**  
We rejoice in the power of forgiveness, the reality of the resurrection,  
and the mystery of eternal life.

**In all things, we follow Christ,  
not because we have seen, but because we believe!**  
**Jesus Christ is Risen!**

**\*HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace"**  
(all sing v. 1, 2; **men** sing v.3; **women** sing v.4; all on v.5)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*All sing "The Celtic Alleluia"** (Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!) - repeat



~ Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee & conversation ~  
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)