

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, our gifts are small next to all that you have given us. Take our gifts, LORD, and make them holy, so that they may help to feed the hungry, grow the church, and share your Light with a world lost in darkness. Amen.

## Closing Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
#376 Presbyterian Hymnal

## Benediction

## Song of Sending

*Because He Lives*  
#358 Celebration Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## The Postlude

# The People of God Gathered to Worship As THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM

**April 27, 2025**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

## Prelude – *Proclaim The Glory of the Lord*

## Welcome

## Prayer Requests

## Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen, indeed!

Leader: People of God, our God is Risen!

People: Our God is Risen indeed!

Leader: People of God, Christ is Risen!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Opening Hymn    *Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
#139 Celebration Hymnal

## Prayers of the People 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.

## Passing of the Peace

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners  
with the peace of Christ:

*"May the Peace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you!  
And also, with you."*

## Hymn of Illumination

*He Lives*

*v. 1 #368 Celebration Hymnal*

## First Scripture Reading

John 20:19-24 – See Insert

## A Moment with the Children – Still Risen!!

## Second Scripture Reading

John 20: 25-31 - See Insert

## Prayer Of Illumination

## Sermon – When You Just Can't Believe Anymore

Pastor Dan McCurdy

## Prayer of Confession

**Risen LORD, we are a people in desperate need of a Savior. Our lives are spent in sadness, anger, and bitterness, and we forever walk in the sin of our ancestors. We do not do the things we are called to do, and often we do the things you tell us not to do. We demand perfect faith from ourselves, forgetting that you died to bridge the gap between us. Forgive our endless sin, and hear the silent confessions we raise before you.**

## Moment of Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

**Gloria Patri**

**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, Amen.**

## Affirmation of Faith

*(The Apostles Creed)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

The Gifts of God are all around us, our lives and our homes, our talents and our joys, our family and friends, and the greatest gift of all was the Salvation promised, the life of Christ seeking to end our division from God and each other. When we give, we do not do so to purchase anything... for the gifts of God were already given. Instead, we give in imitation of our LORD, offering what we have to support others, and to be ourselves the gift that God gives the World, so let us worship God with our Giving.

## Offertory – *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

## **First Scripture Reading**

**John 20:19-24**

**<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.**

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**John 20:25-31**

**<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.**

**Nursery Available – 4k and under only  
Not staffed**

**Coffee and Cookies  
Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30-10:00 am**

April 27, 2025 Worship Team	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Barbara Hopkins
<b>Musicians</b>	Caroline Sells Greg Meeuwsen
<b>Sound Room</b>	Audrey Steinborn
<b>Choir &amp; Handbells Director</b>	Vicki Arndt
<b>Usher</b>	Richard Calvetti

**Tithes and Offerings**

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***Tabitha Circle***  
***Bring your crafts, sack lunch and join us!***  
***The first and third Mondays of each month***  
***11:30-2:30 pm - Bring a Lunch***

***Exercise Group***  
**Tuesdays and Fridays**  
**9:00 to 10:00 am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

***The ongoing mission of The Presbyterian Women is to support  
the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) by collecting  
needed items (lists are on tables and Lamplighter. All items can  
be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary.  
Money donations are accepted as well.***

**Community Dinner  
May 28th  
5pm – 6pm**

**Support the West Salem Food Pantry  
Please bring food donations  
and place them in the shopping carts  
between the entryway doors.  
The current need is canned vegetables and soups.**

**Homemakers Ladies Group  
April 28th  
7:30am - 3:00pm**

**Graduate Recognition Sunday  
May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Blood Drive  
May 30<sup>th</sup>  
11:30am - 4:30pm**

**Confirmation Sunday  
June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**All Sunday School Studies  
End on May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Summer Camp Scholarship Applications  
Are due May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Applications on back table**