

**The Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Jazz Sunday and 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 16, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

*Up Jumped Spring*  
*Peace*  
Jazz Ensemble

by Freddie Hubbard  
by Horace Silver

CALL TO WORSHIP

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

**Thankful is the song we sing!**

**For this day moves us past darkness and despair.**

Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

**Wonderful is our unity in worship!**

**For Christ is risen! He is alive and is among us.**

\*HYMN 630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

LITANY OF CONFESSION

God of wisdom and mercy, you have created a world of beauty,  
a world where each person has an honored place in your love,

**but we do not always honor ourselves or one another as your beloved people.**

O God, for all the times when we have known of the suffering of others  
but turned away from it—in your mercy,

**forgive us.**

O God, for all the times when some of us have seen pain  
and blamed it on those who suffer—in your mercy,

**forgive us.**

O God, for all the times when some of us have not seen your image in our  
own faces—in your mercy,

**forgive us.**

O God, for any time in which we have heard cries of pain and not believed  
them—in your mercy,

**forgive us.**

O God, for all the times when we alone, or as a church, have not sought to  
bring about your justice—in your mercy,

**forgive us.**

Loving God, you alone know how these burdens weigh on our souls.

**Forgive us, free us, and show us the paths of love you would have us choose.**

**Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## \*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**and also with you.**

I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Children and Family Ministry

(Children ages preschool–grade 5 are invited to attend Sunday School. Middle School students are invited to attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

## \*HYMN 268

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20 (pg. 34)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

**A Call And A Promise**

Dennis Jones, Pastor

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Higher Ground*

Words by Johnson Oatman, Jr.  
Music by Charles H. Gabriel

## \*DOXOLOGY

(Alternate Version)

by Avery & Marsh

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Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men. A - men.  
A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

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## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN 298      *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Seven Steps to Heaven*      by Miles Davis

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Masks optional but welcome for all gatherings here at BRPC.

Please join us for fellowship in Westminster Hall immediately following worship.

Our acolyte this morning is Isla Rankine.

*Special thanks to our Jazz Ensemble:*

*Vinny Borselli - Trumpet  
Gerry Cappuccio - Tenor Sax  
Jim Felter - Trombone  
Jerry Vezzola - Piano  
John Vourtsis - Drums  
Hal Slapin - Bass*

## Flowers

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### **The Flowers are given to the glory of God:**

~In loving memory of Joe Brewer, by his wife, Sue.

~In loving memory of Baby Kudo, by Takanori & Juan Kudo.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion and cost \$42 per pier. There are openings in April. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our flower coordinator Ellen Johnson at (908) 285-1638 or email her at [flowers@brpc.org](mailto:flowers@brpc.org).



## Calendar of Events

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### **Sunday, April 16**

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & via Zoom  
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Westminster Hall  
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Library  
Fellowship Time, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall  
Small Group Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.  
Vedic Prayer Group, 3:00 p.m., Church House Parlor  
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center

### **Monday, April 17**

Leisure Learning, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary & Chapel  
Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Kitchen Renovation Task Force Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Church House Parlor  
Trustees, 7:00 p.m.  
Children & Family Ministry Council, 7:15 p.m.  
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, April 18**

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.  
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms  
Children Mid-Week, 4:15 p.m., Knox Room  
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room  
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center  
Tuesday Night Small Group, 7:15 p.m., Church House Library and Zoom  
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

### **Wednesday, April 19**

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor  
Church Librarians, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library  
Stephen Ministry/Fraud Watch Event, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

### **Thursday, April 20**

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.  
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m.  
Meditation Group, 4:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. Knox Room & Sanctuary  
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 7:30 p.m.

### **Friday, April 21**

### **Saturday, April 22**

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