



**TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Second Sunday of Easter - April 16, 2023**

**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

*We invite you to sing or pray as we quiet our minds to hear God's voice and open our hearts to feel God's presence.*

**PRELUDE - "Sanctuary"**

Congregation

**WELCOME**

Pastor Jeanie Shaw

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

Jesus, Breathe the breath of new life into us.

**Open the doors of our hearts that we may fully feel the power of your love.**

**Prepare us to receive your blessing and then to go from this place to be a blessing to others in your name.**

**Amen.**

**\* ♪ SONG – "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**

Susan Horst – Piano

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION - *Invitation to confession. Silent reflection.***

Vicar Jonas Ellison

Holy God,

**Forgive us when we cannot see the impossible.**

**Forgive us when we want proof for everything.**

**The tomb was empty. Christ is risen.**

**Help us to recognize the One who was dead as He comes alive within us.**

**Threaten us with resurrection in our very lives and help us to live in the marvelous truth.**

**Christ is risen. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\* SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE**

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share a greeting as a sign of Christ's presence with us saying "The peace of Christ be with you."*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Risen Christ,

**Open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day,  
that we might rise to new life in you. Amen.**

## **EPISTLE READING      1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**\* ♪ PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS - “Open The Eyes of My Heart”**      Congregation

## **\* GOSPEL READING      John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.” 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.” 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 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.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel, the Good News of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON – “Believing is Seeing”**      Pastor Jeanie Shaw

**♪ SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD – “Be Not Afraid”**      Congregation

## **GATHERING OF GIFTS**

**\* ♪ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, SONG OF THANKS - “Doxology”**      Congregation

## **\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please conclude your prayer with “Lord, in your mercy,” and all will respond, “Hear our prayer.”*

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**\* THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\* GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION** - *The pastor continues with the prayer, concluding:*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

♪ **COMMUNION SONGS** - "Come To The Table Of Mercy" "One Bread, One Body" Congregation

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God,  
We give you thanks, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

\* ♪ **SENDING SONG** – "Thine Is The Glory" Congregation

**PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD**

*We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church, in our community, nation, and throughout the world.*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* SENDING**

Go in Peace. He Is Risen! Alleluia!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**\* POSTLUDE**

*We invite you to participate in worship, reading the parts in bold print. ♪ means All Sing!  
\* We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk.*

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**There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 30** immediately following our worship service for the purpose of regretfully recommending to the Presbytery of Nevada that we dissolve the Pastoral Relationship with Pastor Jeanie Shaw and Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church as of May 8, 2023.

**We thank everyone who generously supports this ministry.** Gifts may be made online through our website at [TLPC.org](http://TLPC.org) or mailed to: **Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, PO Box 10620, Truckee, CA 96162**

Our congregation has a heart for missions: locally, nationally, and in God's world. With your support we give to Sierra Community House (Hunger Relief, Crisis Intervention & Prevention, Family Support & Community Engagement, Mediation & Legal Assistance); North Tahoe-Truckee Homeless Services; Healthy Babies; International Health Partners Tanzania; Hands of Hope Zimbabwe; youth service trips to Nicaragua and Alaska; adult disaster trips locally and around the world; and the responsible, vigorous mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our nation and world. Additionally, during the pandemic, our congregation has supported local essential workers.

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Washoe people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this country their home.

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church



Follow Jesus. Love All. Serve Others.