



# Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

## GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARED JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT AND REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 31)

One: Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

**ALL: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

One: Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

**ALL: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

One: Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

**ALL: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

One: We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

**ALL: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

\* HYMN #409

*God Is Here!*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We all err from doing God's justice. When we confess our sins, we tell the truth and admit our own power to enact injustice that harms others. Let us pray:



## TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you.**

**KYRIE #551**

*Lord Have Mercy*

LAND OF REST

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus promised his followers there are many rooms in a world filled with God's justice. When we speak truth to our own power, we make room for God's just world. This is the good news: God raised Jesus and made room for us, calling us to live out of God's forgiveness by making sure there is room for all. Alleluia, Amen!

### \* 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.*

### PASSING THE PEACE

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

## WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Your Word, O God, is a source of refuge and guidance. Lead us, and inspire our hearts and souls as we engage holy Scripture with our minds and spirits. Amen.**

### GOSPEL READING

**John 10:22-30**

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



One: *The Gospel of the Lord.*  
ALL: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *Tell Us Plainly* the Rev. David Annett  
\* HYMN # 463 *How Firm a Foundation (verses 1, 3, 5)*

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

\* **DOXOLOGY** (Glory to God, Hymn #606)

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

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

SANCTUS #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy* LAND OF REST

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION #533 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

AMEN #554 *Amen*

**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.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)**

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**



**SENDING**

\* HYMN # 634

*To God Be the Glory*

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE AND SENDING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

\* *Please stand in body or in spirit*

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Thank you to Todd Houston for serving as liturgist this morning.

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